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Rome Fascist Group
Wants Peace

At a meeting in Rome on January 15, dissident Fascists decided to send Count Grandi to England to sue for peace, according to a "reliable report," broadcast by the Athens Radio last night.

But the meeting was denounced by the Police, who made many arrests, adds the report. Participants were court martialled and heavily punished. — Reuter.

Anxiety Growing
In Bucharest

SIR REGINALD HOARE, BRITISH MINISTER IN BUCHAREST, AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGATION AND CONSULAR STAFFS, ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE RUMANIA BY SPECIAL STEAMER ON SATURDAY.

It is understood that the personnel of certain allied missions will leave with them, the party consisting of about 50 British civilians.

Reports that the Turkish and Greek Legations are also preparing to leave are denied.

The rupture of diplomatic relations with Great Britain has not been mentioned either in the Rumanian press or on the wireless, but the news has spread among the public, and, following rapidly the instructions to observe a general black-out, has induced an atmosphere of tension and anxiety.

As General Antonescu was indisposed on Monday, Sir Reginald Hoare handed the Note announcing Britain's decision, to M. Crepianu, a high official at the Foreign Office.

Advice In Sofia

GREEK WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE GREEK LEGATION IN SOFIA TO RETURN TO GREECE, STATES A SOFIA DESPATCH TO THE OFFICIAL FRENCH NEWS AGENCY IN VICHY.

THE ADVICE IS GIVEN AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST EVENTUAL COMPLICATIONS IN THE BALKAN SITUATION. — REUTER.

Rumanian Envoy
Asks For Passports

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that the Rumanian Legation in London has now received instructions to ask for its passports. The Rumanian Charge d'Affaires called yesterday afternoon at the Foreign Office to make a formal application.

Nothing definite has yet been arranged with regard to the Rumanian Mission's departure. — Reuter.

Black-Out Warning

A Bucharest despatch to the newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" states that black-out has been ordered in all big towns in Rumania and also in the oil-fields. — Reuter.

More than 30 Junkers and 52 troop-carrying planes flew over Budapest at midday yesterday in the direction of the Rumanian frontier.

Telephone communication with Rumania is cut off. — Reuter.

INDO-CEYLON
DIFFERENCES

Fundamental differences on the question of the status of Indian residents in Ceylon led to the failure of the Indo-Ceylon Exploratory Conference last November, explains an official New Delhi communique.

Informed circles believe that the failure is not regarded by either side as final, but events in the near future may make fresh approaches for reconciliation of outstanding differences feasible. — Reuter.

KOUFRA
OASIS
BATTLE

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, broadcasting in French last night, said: "The intrigues, disputes and changes at Vichy have their terrible consequences because the enemy has had a part in them."

"That is more harmful than the equivocation and obedience in Vichy which keeps the French Mediterranean forces away from any action in the full battle of the Mediterranean."

"That is why the Free French are at present redoubling their efforts in order to make up as far as possible for the deficiency on the part of France to help bring about the victory."

"At this very moment, our troops supported by our air force, are victoriously engaged in the battle in the area of Koufra Oasis in Italian Libya, 600 miles from the frontier of Chad from where they had set out." — Reuter.

BALKAN
TRAIN
SMASH

Eight people were killed and many injured when a train, including forty oil tanks and cars destined for Germany, was derailed at midnight near the Bulgarian frontier station of Dragoman, about half a mile from the Yugoslav frontier.

An authoritative Bulgarian statement says that the train was taking a gradient at too high a speed.

Fires broke out causing heavy damage both to the train and the line, a large section of which was destroyed. Traffic is temporarily suspended. — Reuter.

AWARDS
TO H.M.S.
KIMBERLEY

THE EXPLOIT OF THE BRITISH DESTROYER H.M.S. "KIMBERLEY," IN TORPEDOING THE ITALIAN DESTROYER "FRANCESCO NULLO" IN THE RED SEA LAST OCTOBER, IN THE ACTION WHICH FOLLOWED AN ENEMY ATTACK ON A BRITISH CONVOY IS RECALLED BY AWARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE LONDON GAZETTE.

These are: the D.S.O. to Lieut. Commander John Sherbrook Richardson, the D.S.C. to Engineer Lieut. Commander Gordon Edward Sedwick, and the D.S.M. to Chief Engine Room Artificer William Henry Harrison, all of H.M.S. "Kimberley." — Reuter.

INDIA'S BUDGET

The Budget Session of the Central Assembly opened yesterday in New Delhi. — Reuter.

Marion
Held By
Japanese

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED IN SHANGHAI LAST NIGHT THAT THE PANAMA VESSEL "MARION," WHICH DISAPPEARED SOME WEEKS AGO WHILE ON ITS WAY FROM SHANGHAI TO HONG KONG, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE NAVY.

The ship is now at Swatow and may be taken to Formosa in the near future.

Another Panama ship of which nothing has been heard following its departure from Shanghai is the s.s. Anchor. — Our Own Correspondent.

CURRENCY
BATTLE

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Wardlaw Milne invited a statement on the implications to trade of the four conflicting currencies in Shanghai and the Yangtze basin.

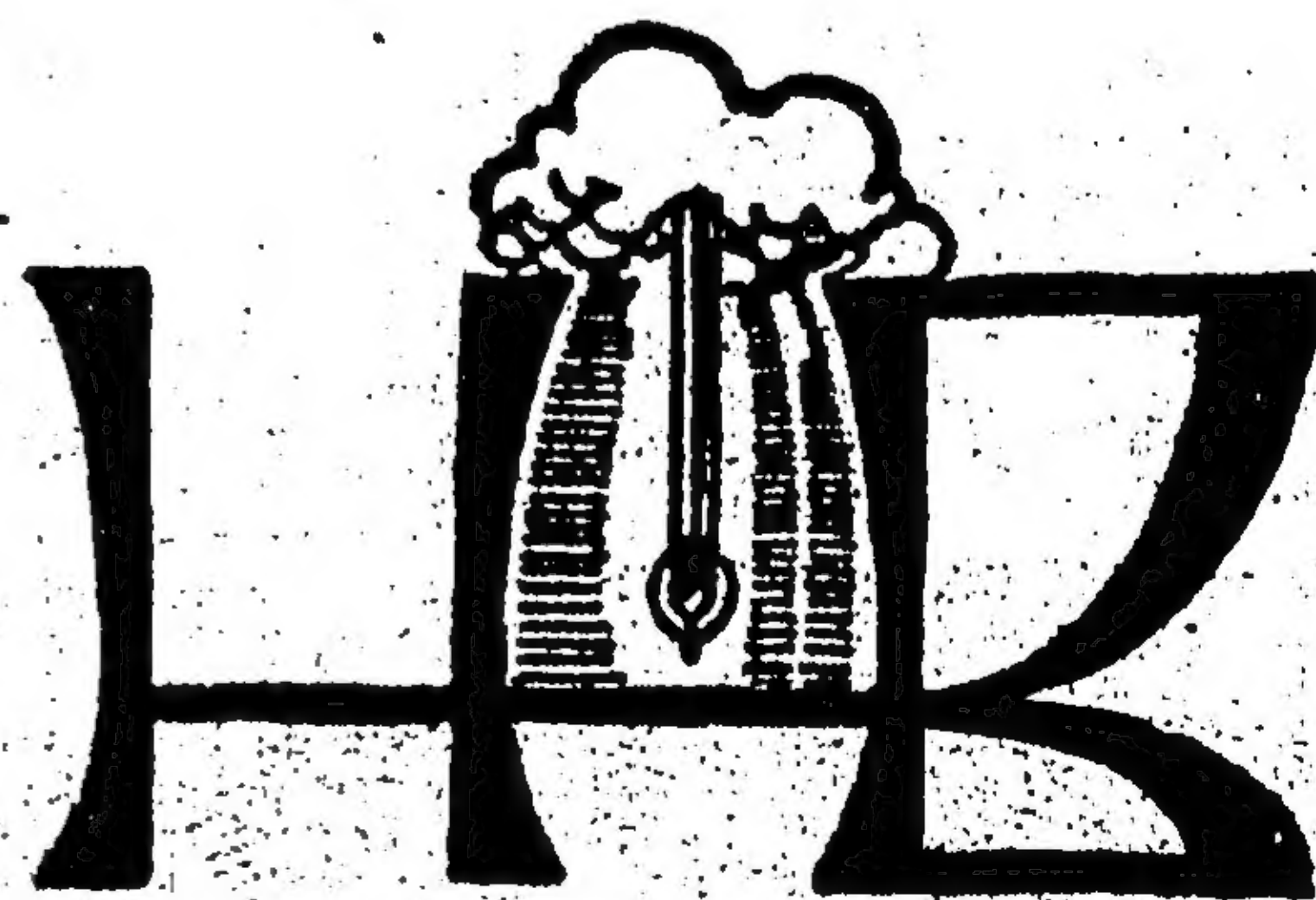
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that it was too early to forecast the effect which the Nanking Reserve Bank bank-notes will have on trade but that every attempt to supplant the Chinese National currency in China cannot but do further harm to the interests of all countries concerned in trading with China. — Reuter.

NAVY BOMBARDS
OSTEND

A MESSAGE FROM LONDON states that the German-occupied port of Ostend was bombarded by units of the Royal Navy during the early hours of yesterday morning.

An Admiralty communique giving this news adds "our salvos fell on the harbour works and many fires were observed. No casualties or damage were sustained by our forces." — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

BRITAIN'S GREATEST NEEDS

Willkie's Evidence On Aid Britain Legislation

Destroyers First: Calls For All Out Assistance

"BRITAIN REQUIRES BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE AND THE ONLY WAY THE UNITED STATES COULD HELP BRITAIN QUICKLY WAS TO ENACT THE AID TO BRITAIN BILL 'WITH MODIFICATION', DECLARED MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, GIVING EVIDENCE YESTERDAY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

JOINT DEFENCE OF CANADA AND UNITED STATES

Complete plans now exist for the joint defence of the United States and Canada.

This was told to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate by Mayor La Guardia, Chairman of the American members of the United States-Canada Defence Board—Reuter.

MASCOT IS A "SAINT"

Every time he heard an aeroplane engine, a curly-headed little boy would rush out of the house to watch it. "Gosh, mum, I wish I was up there," he would say.

That was eleven years ago. Now, twenty-one-year-old Sergeant Pilot Harry Jefferson Morson has been awarded the D.F.M. He gives the credit to a "saint" mascot on his plane.

On his way back from Berlin the plane was hit by A.A. guns and set on fire. The young pilot struggled on with his burning plane till he was forced into the sea, but the crew was saved by the Navy after hours in the icy water.

Did Not Tell

"He won't say a word about it," his mother told a reporter at her West Hartlepool home.

"Harry reads a lot of strange books, and has a mascot on his plane of a saint carrying a bomb."

"This was his thirteenth visit to Germany. Before he set off, his pals jokingly asked him if he was superstitious. He said, 'No,' but now he swears that all the credit for having got back alive was due to his 'saint' and the wireless operator who sent out the S O S signals."

"Harry has always been crazy about flying," she said. "He was in the R.A.F.V.R. and has been flying since the start of the war."

"We are very proud, of course. Harry is the baby of the family, and has eight brothers and sisters."

As an example of immediate aid, Mr. Willkie said that the United States should provide Britain with from five to ten destroyers monthly.

"We should be able to do this directly and swiftly, rather than through the rigmarole of dubious legalistic interpretations.

"Incidentally, if we are to make more destroyers available to Britain we should re-condition them in this country in our own yards."

Mr. Willkie advocated that the proposed aid should be limited to the British Commonwealth, China and Greece.

He gave it as his belief that the policy of isolation would eventually destroy civil liberties in the United States and cause an economic upheaval.

Britain, added Mr. Willkie, would require some time, even with American planes, to obtain superiority in the air.

Not Enough

Mr. Willkie, continuing his testimony, said that in spite of the fifty destroyers already handed over, Britain still needed more.

"Merchant ships are making the crossing of the Atlantic without nearly enough protection. In some cases thirty or forty ships may be protected by only a couple of destroyers," said Mr. Willkie.

Mr. Willkie referred to aid to Britain as meaning, "not to work for Britain, but to work with Britain, to defend the area of freedom. If Britain prevails, the enslaved democracies will survive."

He added that Britain's long-term requirements, such as planes and munitions, were already largely on order in the United States.

America's Effort

"We are building them as fast as we can, but it will be many months before our efforts begin to show significant results. Our aeroplane programme, for instance, will not begin to give Britain supremacy until 1942."

"Britain's greatest hazard is the destruction of her shipping."

Telling of what he had seen during his visit to Britain, Mr. Willkie referred to "the piteous and heart-rending" destruction of the northern industrial towns. The damage to productive facilities was, however, small.

If the United States isolates herself, he said, Britain may have the greatest difficulty in surviving.

No man can say this time whether or not Britain can win the war without assistance in supplies, ships, and armaments, but we do know that if she is defeated the totalitarian powers will control the world.

They will control not only Europe, but probably most of Africa. They may also control the Atlantic Ocean. Germany would then probably drive either economically or militarily towards Latin-America.

U.S. Prospect

Perhaps Japan would also drive southwards to the East Indies.

Then the United States and Canada would be surrounded by totalitarian powers.

They would so cripple, hinder and infringe upon us that we would be forced to fight. We would be fighting alone in the same war which Britain is now fighting.

Mr. Willkie declared: "For what it may be worth, my belief is that Germany cannot successfully invade Britain. If her Northern ports can be kept open, supply lines can be kept moving."

"I feel confident that Britain will survive the shock of the Spring and Summer campaigns."

"That is also the belief in high quarters in Britain and if Britain can stand through the Summer, the tide will turn."

"Reinforced by our gigantic resources, Britain may be able to achieve that effectiveness which the democratic peoples have temporarily lost."

Time Limit

"Britain may go down if United States' aid is ineffective," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, who approved of a time limit on the presidential powers imposed by the House of Representatives' amendment.

All modifications, in Mr. Willkie's opinion, should seek to limit the granting of any unnecessary authority by the Bill.

Mr. Willkie added impressively: "I've wanted to see Americans stand united before all the world as a friend of all who fought for democracy; a deposer of all aggressors and despoilers of the democratic way."

For unity's sake, Mr. Willkie urged even opponents of the Bill to approve of it.

This, with the approval of the millions of Americans they represented, would give the nation "the strength of a united people—a strength greater than that of armaments and battleships."

Britain's Greatest Needs

Mr. Wendell Willkie expressed the opinion, in reply to a question, that, if England fell to-morrow, and Germany got the Royal Navy, the United States would be in the war in a month or two.

Mr. Willkie quoted Mr. Winston Churchill as saying that Britain's greatest needs were destroyers, big bombers and merchantmen.—Reuter.



The Commander-in-Chief of the South African Forces, General J. C. Smuts, recently watched a demonstration at an engineer's camp in the Transvaal. He saw the rapid launching of a small box girder bridge and inspected the largest mechanical transport suspension bridge ever built by the South African Engineering Corps while in training. This photograph shows (left to right) The Prime Minister, General J. C. Smuts, Captain E. T. Dobson, O.C. of the Engineers, and Lieut.-General Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, Chief of General Staff. (Copyright, Fox).

CONSCRIPTION IF WOMEN DO NOT TAKE WAR JOBS

The Government may have to introduce some form of compulsory national service for women—even the conscription of women of certain ages for one of the civil defence services, the auxiliary fighting forces or for munitions work.

Women are not responding to the call to national service in the numbers essential to the war effort, and unless they come forward in their thousands in the next few weeks they may be compelled to do so.

The appeal for 500,000 women munition workers has had disappointing results. It has been found that women will not go away from home.

The A.T.S. wants 10,000 recruits. The W.A.A.F. are taking in 400 women a week and have room for more. The W.R.N.S., the F.A.N.Y., and the W.V.S. have need of more and more women to fill the places of men who are required in the Forces—yet recruiting lags.

Cooks Wanted

Mrs. Laughton Matthews, the Director of the W.R.N.S. said yesterday, "Cooks and stewards are wanted in increasing numbers so that men can be released to join the Fleet."

"We can also take girls who wish to become wireless telegraphists and teleprinter operators."

"We need telephonists, too, and women who tried to join our service at the beginning of the war will find that there is no waiting now."

"It is a grand service; we are a part of the Royal Navy, and we are organised on naval lines."

"Family difficulties seem to be the chief cause of the trouble," it was stated at A.T.S. headquarters.

"We find that mothers are not ready to let their daughters join up for national service. They are willing to let their sons go, but they feel they have a first call on their daughters—they don't seem to realise that their girls can help as much as their sons to win the war."

"Apart from this, there are thousands of girls who think that if they roll a bandage once a week they are doing their bit."

A Full Time Job

"They haven't realised, yet, that winning the war means a full time war job for everyone who is able to give her services."

"We want 10,000 recruits immediately and many more later on."

The dislocation of their normal lives caused by bombing and evacuation was given by Miss Haslett, of the Ministry of Labour, as a reason for the failure of women to come forwards. "I believe we shall get them later," she said.

NAZIS' ANTI-SWISS CAMPAIGN

The Nazi Press has launched a violent new campaign against the Swiss Government for having suppressed the camouflaged Swiss Nazi party.

This is believed to be the opening phase of a new German propaganda drive against Switzerland.

It is reported that a Hitler plan to force Switzerland into the Nazi new European order, falling which the Fuehrer would threaten to partition Switzerland between Germany, Italy and France. Mussolini does not like the idea of France being included in such a share-out, but the idea has been discussed between Laval and the Germans.

But Mussolini likes still less the prospect of extending Italy's common frontier with that of Germany. At present the Brenner Pass and Isonzo Valley are the two chief gateways into Italy from the Reich. A partitioned Switzerland would open up a dozen more. Mussolini prefers to keep his colleague at a distance, and may desire it still more so one of these coming days.

Steady Flow Of American Fighter 'Planes To Britain

SHOW UP EXCELLENTLY UNDER TEST

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent, Somewhere In England)

AMERICA'S AIRCRAFT AID TO BRITAIN, CLOSELY KEPT SECRET IN 1940, CAN NOW BE TRACED MORE CLEARLY FROM FACTORIES TO R.A.F. AERODROMES.

The journey's end for war-planes which come across the Atlantic by ship is the Ministry of Aircraft Production station here, while fitters are speeding up the assembly in bomb-proof sheds.

An official confirmed that the flow of these fighters and medium bombers which are not ranged to cross the Atlantic under their own power which was once only a trickle was now a steady flow.

The fighter crates are of two sizes. One contains fuselage under-carriage and engine all in one piece—the other holds the wing assembly.

A forty-minute test flight proves the airworthiness of the plane and after the armament test, it is ready for operational use.

400 Flown Over

Long-range bombers are ferried across the Atlantic by air and while the rate at which any of the aircraft from across the Atlantic is going into service is not revealed, it was recently reported from New York that four-hundred American bombers had been flown across without mishap.

Here I have seen the two famous Curtiss-Wright single-engine fighters—Tomahawk P40 and Mohawk 1—shed of their wrappings and assembled.

Many have been sent to squadrons. Equipped as multi-gun aircraft with plenty of kick, the faster of the two—Tomahawk—has been credited in America with speed of over four-hundred miles per hour.

This is probably on the high side but in the first mock combat between American and British fighter planes which I witnessed, the Tomahawk was faster on the level than its rival, a Hawker Hurricane Mark I, which was the chief killer of Goering's Heinkels and Junkers in 1940.

It also climbed more rapidly. I have also inspected, out in the open, two first-rate American types of shore-based naval craft.

To Protect Shores

They were the Grumman Martlet and the Brewster Buffalo. Possessing a high rate of climb and good ceiling they, with others I have mentioned, will play a big part in the protection of Britain's shores this year.

Another aircraft on view was the Douglas Boston, a fighter-bomber which an R.A.F. officer, who has flown it describes as "more manoeuvrable and lighter on the control, faster and better on the climb" than the Bristol Blenheim 4.

It resembles a British plane except that it has a tricycle under-carriage—the first R.A.F. plane to be so fitted.

This was the only strictly offensive American plane at this unit, but the types inspected are but a few from a range of over thirty United States types available to Britain which will prove of great value in strengthening the R.A.F. front line at a critical stage of the war.—Reuter.

Reliefs for London Staffs.—Hundreds of members of Ministry of Labour staffs in "quiet areas" have volunteered to go to London to relieve their colleagues there, and plans are being made for clerks from these areas to spend one or two months in London.

CHUNGKING SECRET PLANS REPORTS

PLANS FOR AN IMMINENT JAPANESE MOVE IN HER SOUTHWARD EXPANSION PROGRAMME ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO A REPORT GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE CHINESE NEWSPAPERS IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY.

The plans are said to have been revealed as a result of a careful study by the Chinese High Command of papers and documents recovered from the wreckage of the Japanese aeroplane shot down on February 5, when Admiral Osami, member of the Japanese Supreme War Council, was killed in the crash with eight others.

Admiral Osami at the time was proceeding to Hainan Island to assume the post of Commander-in-Chief of the combined Japanese fleet in the South Seas.

Chinese military authorities refuse to divulge details of the documents which have been brought to Chungking for examination by experts.—Reuter.

BLACK-OUT DEATH RIDDLE

Two men lying seriously injured in a London hospital may hold the clue to the death of their workmate, Scotland Yard is investigating the case.

Frederick Mitchell, thirty-six, yard foreman, employed by George Wimpey and Co., Ltd., contractors, was found dead in an office of the company under a railway arch in The Grove, Hammersmith, London, W. He had been battered on the head with an instrument which has not yet been found.

The other two men, employed by the same firm, Wilfred John Dyer, thirty-eight, of Eltham Street, Lee Green, and Harry Jameson, thirty-two, of Laurence-kirk, Kincardineshire, Scotland, had head injuries. Their condition was unchanged.

An air raid warden, seeing a light from the open door of the office early in the morning, found the three men lying on the floor.

An air raid was in progress at the time.

As the office had been broken into, one theory is that the intruder had not suspected the presence of the three men and that he attacked them.

PAID TOO MUCH FOR EGGS

Mr. G. C. Frampton, of Messrs. Frampton and Sons, licensed egg packers, of Somerset, who were fined £5 at Taunton for buying five dozen eggs at a half-penny a dozen more than the maximum wholesale price fixed by the Ministry of Food, told the Bench that for some years he had been a member of the Government Advisory Committee for Egg-marketing.

"Everybody is clamouring for eggs to-day," he said, "and butchers, bakers and others are buying, with the result that we are losing customers wholesale. We know perfectly well that they are paying more than we are allowed to pay. It is a very serious matter to us, because it is our livelihood."

Mr. Frampton alleged that the prosecution was brought at the instigation of their competitors.

A Ministry inspector said that to pay more than the maximum price for eggs was unfair to those who observed the regulations, and they regarded the principle as very important.

POSE AS AIR OFFICER ALLEGED

When Lewis Henry Dew (45), company director, of Porchester Place, Bayswater, W. was accused, at Marlborough Street, of posing as an R.A.F. wing commander, he asked to be allowed to speak to a Miss —, "a friend of mine."

Asked by the Magistrate if it was on business, he replied: "I just want to apologise for this humiliation."

His request was refused. Detective-sergeant Cyril Green said he saw Dew in a car in Wardour Street, W., and told him he would arrest him on the charge.

On arriving at Marlborough Street police station he said he did not quite understand, and the officer repeated the charge.

He then replied: "Good Lord! That started years ago, and I have been unable to drop it since."

In his possession the officer said he found a number of papers, including letters, addressed to "Commander Dew."

Dew was remanded.



These girls employed in a big electrical works manufacturing vital parts for bombers, work through all alarms wearing fibre helmets which have been issued to them, until the spotter gives the 'take-cover' signal, when they go to shelters which have been provided within a second's reach of the work benches. Photo shows the girls at work beside the brick and concrete internal shelters. (Copyright, Fox).

LISTLESSNESS ON STOCK MARKET

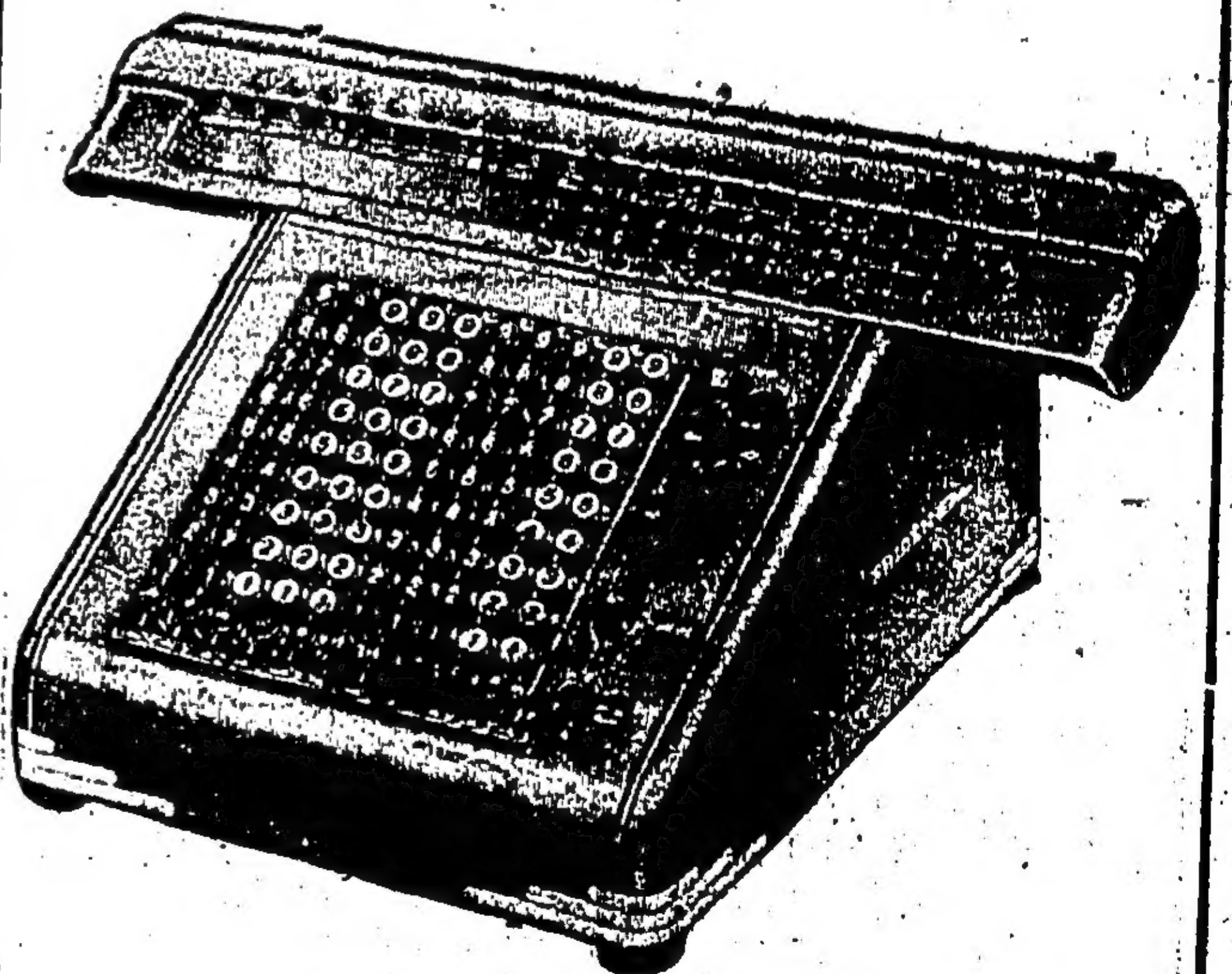
Apart from the continued firmness of Indian issues, listless conditions prevailed on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, with Balkan uncertainties stifling buying interest.

Gilt-edged securities were steady, while industrials, home-

rails and oils were dull. Among foreign Bonds, Belgian four per-cent issues advanced from 64 to 66, which is now fifteen per-cent, above the price prevailing at the end of last year. Greek issues receded a trifle. Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. ASSERTING THEIR SUPREMACY IN MIDDLE EAST

THE LATEST R.A.F. communique from the Middle-East Headquarters contains news of successful raids on Calato, on the island of Rhodes, Tepelini and Duki, while in Italian East Africa, the South African Air Force continues to harass the enemy.

The communique states that during the lull in North Africa, R.A.F. activity has been continued on other fronts.

Heavy bombers again attacked Calato on the island of Rhodes on Monday and dropped several tons of bombs on the aerodrome and the dispersed aircraft around it.

Buildings and aircraft were seen on fire after the explosion of the bombs and it is confirmed that ten aircraft were destroyed, while many others were damaged.

In Albania, buildings at Tepelini and Duki were set on fire by bombs dropped by other R.A.F. bombers.

Air Battle

A large enemy formation composed of bombers and escorted by twenty fighters attempted to attack Janninga on Monday. They were intercepted by a formation of British fighters which shot down two bombers and damaged several others.

It is now confirmed, that as a result of the engagement in the Kelcyre area which was announced in a communique on Monday, three further Italian aircraft were destroyed.

In Italian East Africa on Monday, a motor transport yard near the station at Asmara was attacked by British bombers. Stores in a wood near Keren were also bombed and in the same area during the previous day, bombing attacks had been made on railway tracks.

In the Kalan area, native troop concentrations were attacked by a South African Air Force squadron which dive-bombed road-bridges and the pontoon-bridge at Dolo.

The squadron then visited Lugherrandi where they destroyed hangars on the aerodrome.

From all operations our aircraft returned safely.—Seuter.

SOLDIER CLEARED OF WIFE MURDER CHARGE

Ralph Gordon Barstow, a twenty-four-year-old soldier, of Pleasant Street, Preston, was acquitted at Birmingham Assizes on a charge of murdering his wife, Mary, whom he married at Gretna Green three years ago.

The couple had stayed at Birmingham the night the wife was shot and Barstow was said to have told the police he loaded his rifle to have a shot if any bombers came over. It went off as he was unloading it.

Mr. Maurice Healy, K.C., prosecuting, said Barstow's wife had fallen in love with him when she was sixteen or even less and it was a love match. When Barstow was called up last April his wife began to go to public houses and became familiar with men.

After a gun expert had said the gun might have been fired accidentally in the unloading position, Mr. Healy said it would be a great responsibility to ask a jury for a verdict of guilty.

The jury found Barstow not guilty and he was discharged.

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TURKISH MILITARY MISSION

A message from Peshawar states that three officers of the Turkish General Staff have proceeded to Kabul to take up their appointment as new members of the Turkish Military Mission which is imparting military education to Afghan youth.—Reuter.

DOORS CLOSED ON NEW MASTER

When Professor G. M. Trevelyan was installed as new master of Trinity College, Cambridge, he had the experience of seeing the door closed against him by the top hatted head porter.

It happened during the traditional ceremony of knocking on the great gate and presenting his letters patent for inspection before being admitted.

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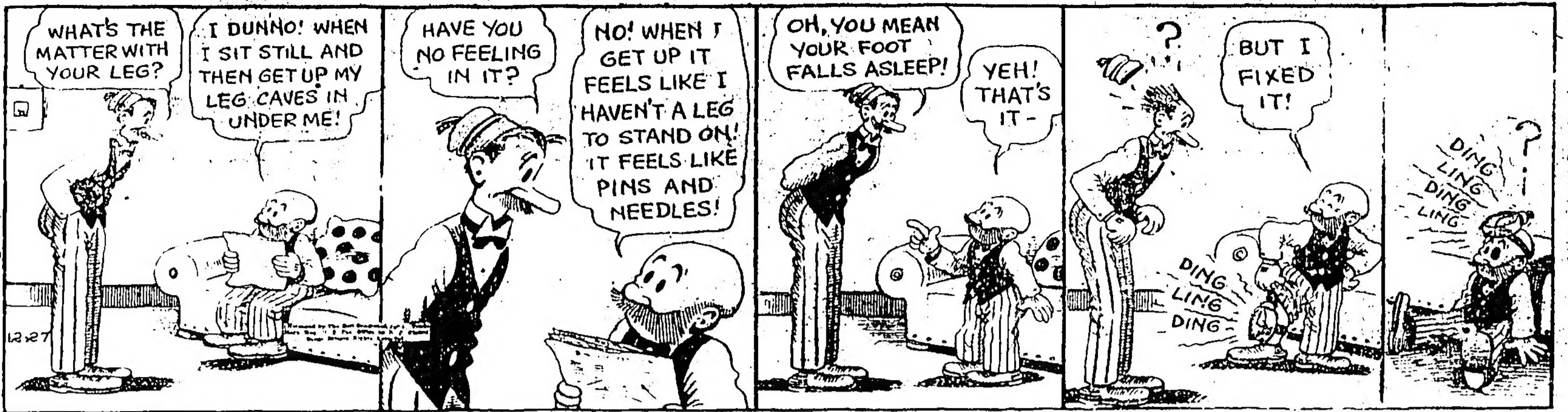
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PRESS AS WEAPON

Mr. J. A. Spender, charter president of the Institute of Journalists, in an address, read in his absence, at the annual meeting of the institute at Leicester, warned the Government of the dangers of excessive caution in the use of censorship.

"Safety first, safety above all for those who are in the firing-line—how can anyone object?" he said. "Yet a free, an excess of caution the censor lets the enemy get a long start with false news, he may have done something which in the longer view will be of serious military disadvantage."

"We have to ask our military censors to realise that the Press is not a tiresome survival from peace which should be effaced in war but a most potent military weapon."

B.W.O.F. DANCE

Sir—The Committee of the B.W.O.F. would like to express its gratitude to all those who were in any way concerned in making the Dance held at the Peninsula Hotel on January 31 so outstanding a success.

Through the generosity and hard work of so many people a sum of approximately \$12,000 was added to the Fund, more than enough to pay for the whole of the first consignment of comforts and hospital necessities asked for by the Red Cross for the Middle East, a part of the world which is just now urgently in need of all the help the War Organisations can give.

Calls on the nurse here have been particularly heavy this month, and the Committee feels that such a very generous response is especially gratifying.

In particular, thanks are due to the Management of the Peninsula Hotel for their very efficient organisation.

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HITLER TO SAVE MUSSOLINI

The Greek victory over the Italians is now so sensational that it is doubtful whether Germany can abstain from some intervention to save the Axis from ridicule, says Mr. Vernan Bartlett in the "News Chronicle."

Very probably Mussolini acted without that careful sapping and mining which precedes every attack by Hitler. Having hoped for an easy political victory, the Fascists sent their ultimatum to General Metaxas and they are now sacking Italian officers right and left because the Army was not adequately prepared for a political failure.

This will naturally deepen the mutual distrust between the Fascist Party and the Italian Army, and will weaken the Italian desire to fight Hitler's war.

But Hitler himself will lose prestige if the Italian defeat becomes a rout. Therefore his troop movements are watched with increasing interest.

Bulgaria's Choice

He has in Rumania far more men than are necessary to keep that country under subjection. More can easily be sent now that Hungary has surrendered to the Nazis.

In Bulgaria there are German "tourists" who are believed to have shown great interest in aviation. There may also be German aeroplanes.

Despite the manifest desire of King Boris to keep his country neutral, strong Nazi pressure on him is to be expected.

But it is taken for granted that Turkey will declare war, not only if the Bulgars fight, but also if German troops cross Bulgarian territory. Otherwise she would be endangering her invaluable strip of territory on the European side of the Sea of Marmara.

Germany might be wiser to wait until the spring before making military moves in difficult territory, and in the meantime to carry on Fifth Column work in those territories she covets. But the Italian fiasco leaves little time. Some spectacular action is needed.

To avoid conflict with Turkey it might take place on Yugo-Slav territory. From the heights of Belgrade one looks over the Danube to a flat plain which is inhabited by a large number of Hungarians.

For months past the Germans have been demanding special concessions for the German minority in Yugo-Slavia. Since Hungary signed the Axis pact there is also the Hungarian minority for the Teuton knights to defend. And, by now, all Europe has learnt to fear Hitler's chivalry in defending those whose political interests can possibly be made to tally with his own.

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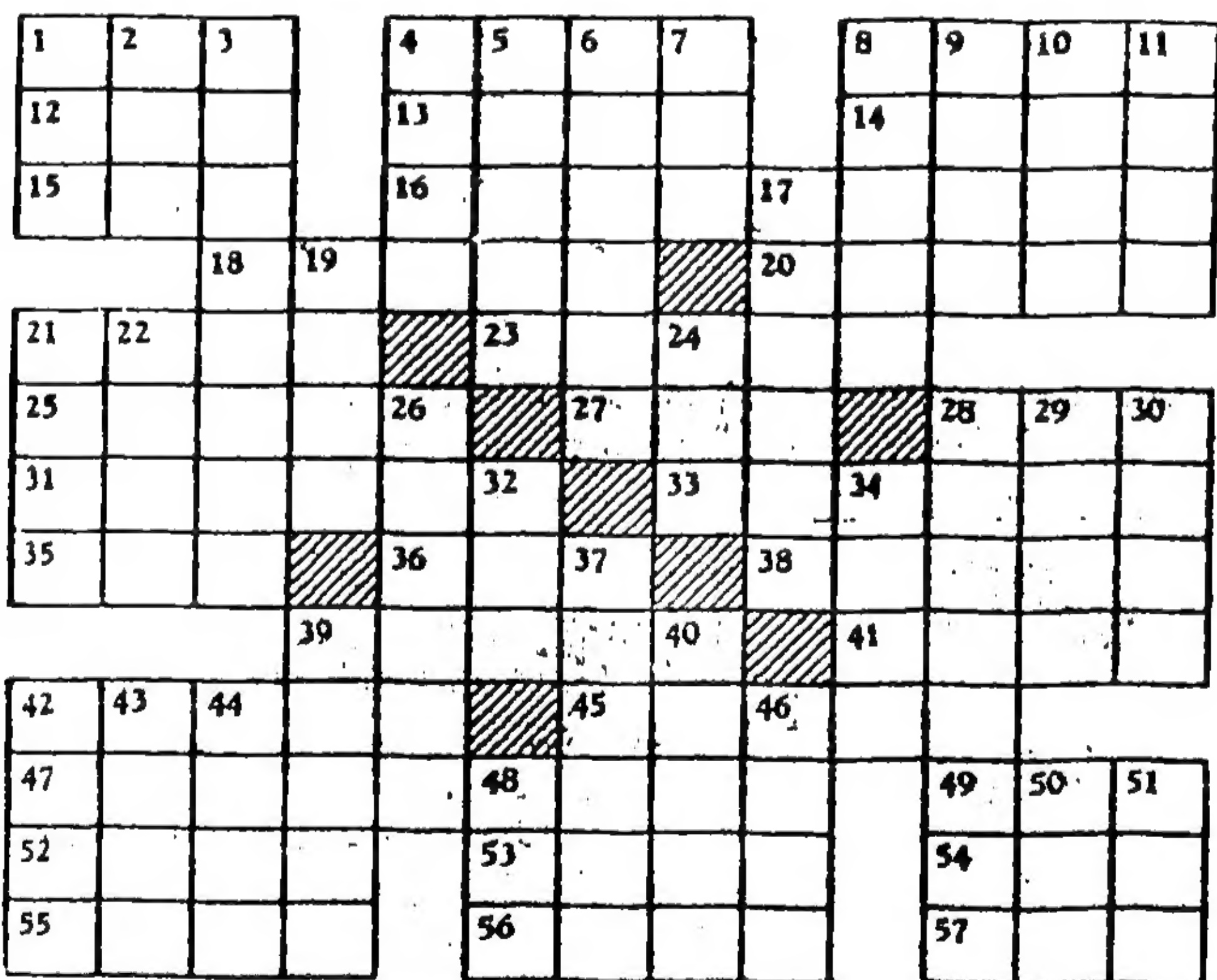
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- 4 Plane surface
- 8 Thin strip of wood
- 12 Card game
- 13 Not so much
- 14 Drug plant
- 15 Grass beard
- 16 Thick-skinned animal
- 18 Genus of wasps
- 20 Tribes
- 21 American patriot
- 23 A spike-hole
- 25 Division of a poem
- 27 Softer than
- 28 Winger
- 31 Cleft
- 33 To come into view
- 35 Malt beverage
- 36 Marble
- 38 Savour
- 39 Danger
- 41 To try
- 42 Roman matron's garment
- 45 To annoy
- 47 Father of Hannibal (var.)

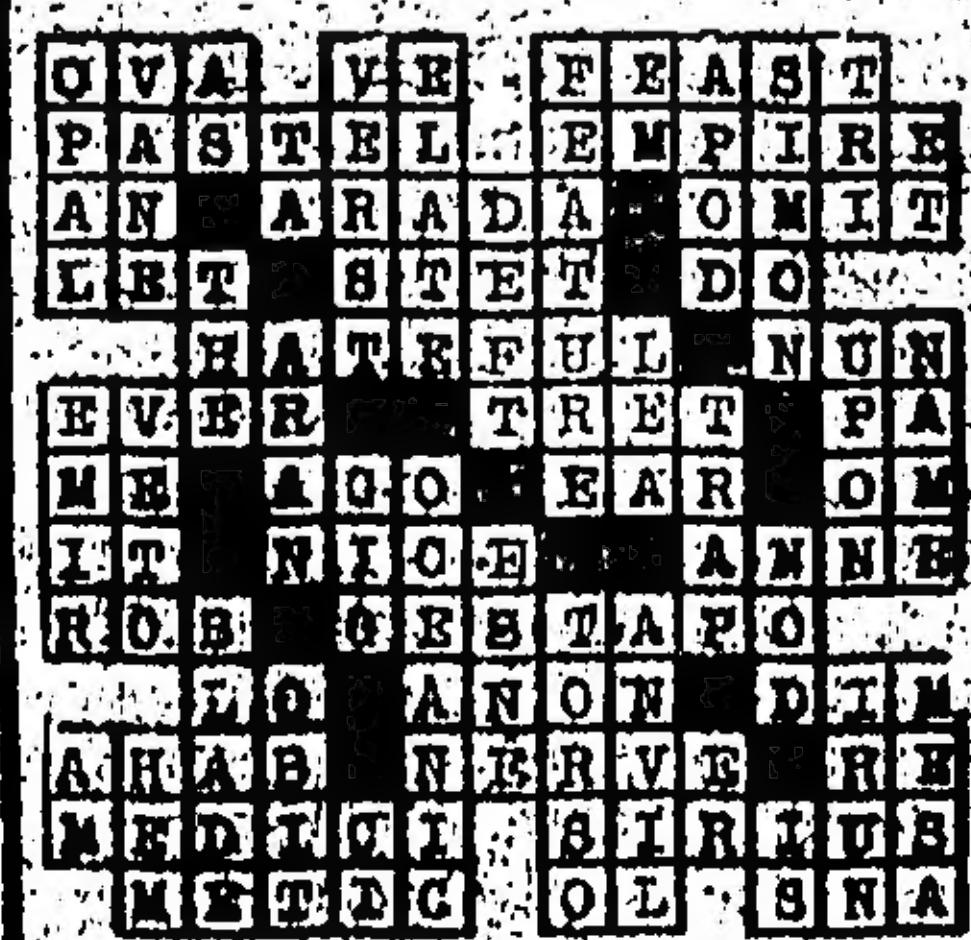
VERTICAL

- 1 Palm leaf
- 2 Rumpus
- 3 To persuade
- 4 European mountain range
- 5 Harvests
- 6 To flee
- 7 Ember
- 8 Large spoon

9 Appellation of Athena

- 10 Ripped
- 11 Surrounds
- 17 Archaic name
- 19 Noted Italian family
- 21 African herb
- 22 Chinese money
- 24 Babylonian deity
- 26 Bony
- 28 Was proper to
- 29 Devours
- 30 Allowance for waste
- 32 Spiny fish
- 34 Hits lightly
- 37 To shrivel
- 39 Roman orator
- 40 To rent
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BRITAIN'S PACT WITH SPAIN

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED in Madrid recently that a financial agreement had been signed between Great Britain and Spain.

Under it the Spanish funds frozen in London will be freed to permit a greater volume of Spanish purchases in the British sterling area.

That it has been possible to announce a preliminary financial agreement augurs well for the conclusion of a larger trade pact on which negotiations have been proceeding for some time. This progress is due largely to the personal interest taken by Gen. Franco.

He realised the importance to Spain of an adequate flow of certain essential imports through the British blockade, and promised his own intervention to smooth over any difficulties that might still arise.

No Supplies For Enemy

Britain has not wished that the blockade should increase the hardships being experienced by Spain due to serious shortages in a number of commodities. At the same time, it was necessary to ensure that the permitted imports were required for Spain and her own people, and would not be passed on to any enemy country.

Britain, has been pleased to accept full Spanish assurances on this score, and the amounts envisaged have been calculated on a basis having close approximation to the known Spanish requirements.

Germany has made a desperate bid to prevent Spain from entering into this agreement with Britain. She sought to establish that Spain had nothing to fear from the British blockade, but would be able to obtain all the supplies she needed from German-occupied countries.

Purely Economic

In London it is emphasised that the agreement is surely economic. No political clauses or understandings are attached. None the less, it is obvious that Spain has concluded the agreement fully aware that the benefits would cease were she to throw in her lot with the Axis.

In recent weeks, however, Gen. Franco has given the most categorical assurances both to Britain and to the United States that in no circumstances will Spain enter the war or willingly allow it to spread to the Peninsula.

MR. KENNEDY'S DENIAL

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador in London, who had said that he was "through denying things," has decided that a denial must be made of a remark attributed to him in private conversation that England was "virtually defeated."

This decision was apparently reached because American correspondents in London had been emphasising that indignation had been caused by reports in American newspapers.

"These reports were that the Ambassador assured his friends that the Allied cause was hopeless, and a peaceful settlement was highly desirable."

"I am told," said Mr. Kennedy "there is some gossip in London to the effect that I am making anti-British statements in this country and that I am even saying I do not expect the British to win the war. This is nonsense!"

"I have never made anti-British statements or said on or off record—that I do not expect Britain to win the war. I have never made in this country any statements I did not make to four or five members of the British Cabinet before I left London."

"What I am concerned with is keeping America out of the war, but there has never been any secret about that."

LAWYER MAY BE B.B.C. CHIEF

Sir Walter Monckton, K. C., regarded in well-informed quarters as a likely successor to Mr. F. W. Ogilvie as Director-General of the B.B.C. Sir Walter is now deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Information.

As already foreshadowed a change in the direction of the B.B.C. is to be made to introduce a greater measure of Government control, especially in the field of broadcasting to foreign countries.

Sir Walter has been connected with the Ministry of Information and the Press and Censorship Bureau since early in the war. Some months ago he was given the status of a Foreign Office Under-Secretary to act as liaison officer between the Ministry of Information and the Foreign Office.

In some quarters the name of Mr. Frank Pick, the Director-General of the Ministry of Information, is canvassed as a possible choice for the B.B.C. post. He has recently completed the reorganisation of his department.

The suggestion that a Cabinet Minister will be transferred from a Whitehall department to run the B.B.C. is regarded in well-informed quarters as being entirely without foundation.

It is understood that the appointment to the B.B.C. post rests with the Prime Minister.

BURIED HIS IRON CROSS

After his Messerschmitt 109 had been shot down by R.A.F. fighters over East Kent the pilot stepped out unhurt and was seen by a civilian to bury something in the field close to his wrecked plane. The German, a warrant officer wearing the Iron Cross ribbon on his tunic, later removed from the hole an Iron Cross of the first class. It is believed that he concealed the medal to hide his identity.

"DEAD" SEAMAN WAR PRISONER

Seaman James Burnett, of the Royal Naval Reserve, who was reported killed in the Dunkirk evacuation and whose wife remarried, is now known to be a prisoner of war.

After he had been reported killed his brother, Mr. Alexander Burnett, communicated with the Naval authorities with a view to the body being taken to Aberdeen for burial. A reply was received that Seaman Burnett was buried at sea.

Recently a letter from Seaman Burnett was delivered at his home at Mansfield Place, Aberdeen. It was in his own handwriting and it stated that he was in a German prison camp and well.

Burnett, who is 58, gained the D.C.M. in the last war.

R.A.F. CREW "BACK FROM DEAD"

THE CREW OF AN R.A.F. bomber, reported "missing, feared killed," have just made their way back to their base in Greece after a journey which will make another chapter in the history of amazing escapes by men of the R.A.F.

During a raid on an Albanian port two aircraft were hit by A.A. shells, and it was reported that it was likely that one had crashed into the sea.

Nothing more was heard for two days, and the crew and aircraft were officially posted as missing. Then three weary men, a pilot, observer, and air gunner, arrived at the officers' mess of their station.

"Just as we had released our bombs we received direct hits," said the squadron leader. "One tore a large hole in the port engine cowling, but it continued to function despite the fact that oil was pouring out. The other engine was hit and stopped almost immediately."

"The aircraft was holed in many places and there was one enormous rent right through one wing, but the aircraft would still fly, though the force of the explosion had thrown it on its back."

Book Torn In Half

"Not one of us was injured though the note-book in our air-gunner's pocket was torn in half by a piece of shrapnel. The cockpit was full of petrol fumes, and I feared we should pass out. We

were a sitting bird, all right, but no one came after us."

"We flew for nearly two hours and then spotted a tiny island. I gave the chance of jumping to the crew, but they preferred to stand by me. Well, we put the aircraft down safely."

"Some peasants rushed away screaming. We put our hands up and yelled 'Inglese, Inglese.' A look of wonderment spread over one man's face and he replied with a definite American accent, 'Are youse guys English?'"

"We persuaded the villagers that we were friendly, and the owner of a fishing boat took us to the mainland. After 20 hours at sea the weather was so rough that the skipper put into a port, fortunately on the mainland. Here we were carried shoulder high round the village and kissed by men, women and children."

"Eventually, after walking, travelling by car and by train, we got back here. My crew and I are agreed we wouldn't have missed this grand tour of Greece for anything."

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JAPAN'S DREAMS

Intimations that Germany is trying to use Japan as a means of intimidating the United States and that Japan is becoming increasingly disposed towards adventures to the South have been pointed by plain British warning that London is not unaware of what is going on and not likely to be caught unprepared for action to meet it.

It is a long time since such a plain statement has come from London for Japan's special benefit and Mr. Matsuoka's plea to America to "think twice" before "taking a leap" might be boomeranged with a recommendation that Japan indulge in some second thoughts.

Japan is an impressionable and imitative country. Its policies and actions reflect quickly the changes on the European and on the world political stages. After the fall of France almost everyone in Japan was convinced that Germany would win the war with little delay. There was a wild scramble to get on the Axis bandwagon, ideologically and otherwise. Political parties fell over each other in the rush for self-dissolution. Organisations which seemed out of place in a totalitarian state, Rotary Clubs, the Salvation Army, a women's suffrage association either passed out of existence or were reorganised on a strictly national basis.

The climax of this Axis orientation was the signing of the tripartite pact on September 27. But things have not gone according to Japanese calculations. England has not collapsed. The United States has not been frightened into curtailing help for England. One of the Axis powers, Italy, has taken hard knocks in Albania and has been utterly defeated in Egypt.

There is the further fact that Japan stands to lose more from a cessation of trade relations.

Japan has not enriched itself from its conquests as has Germany, which has acquired as spoils of war large quantities of oil, copper, foodstuffs and raw materials, besides shipbuilding yards, factories and mines. There are valuable mineral and agricultural resources in Japanese-occupied China; but they require for development and exploitation two conditions which Japan has not been able to fulfill: Maintenance of order in the hinterland as well as in the large towns,

Winter "Blitz" In The Balkans Unlikely

Vernon Bartlett writes in the "News Chronicle":—

We have too high an opinion of Hitler's cunning to be impressed by the many reports of German troop movements in the Balkans.

The greater the number of sources from which the news comes, the more probable it is that the Nazis are carrying out a manoeuvre in their war of nerves.

The man who can make his complicated arrangements for the invasion of Norway in such secrecy is not likely to allow his plans to be shouted from the rooftops.

Winter weather will inevitably slow down the Greek advance in Albania and, in any case, the British have already been enabled by Mussolini's blunder to establish valuable island bases in the Aegean Sea.

It is therefore not clear why Hitler should attack at this moment. If he waits until spring he would benefit from his great superiority in mechanised transport and from the use of the Danube which is frozen up for winter.

If, in fact, a winter campaign is planned, the only obvious explanation of it is that either Hitler is growing short of oil or that Mussolini is unable to carry on the war without some success with which to keep his people quiet.

Growing Strength of Abyssinian Rebels

As the British victories in North Africa are consolidated, news of increased activity in Abyssinia against the Italians comes through Nairobi.

"The Times" Correspondent there gives these details: I learned to-day from most reliable sources some details of the growth and organisation of the revolt against the Italians in Southern Abyssinia. There are now many

thousands of Abyssinians actively opposing Italian Rule. The ground was prepared with care. The leaders of guerilla or Shifita bands operating since the Italian conquest have been crossing the border at the risk of their lives for several months to make contact with the British authorities who have given them all encouragement. They have recently been joined by many important and influential Abyssinians, chiefly landowners and peasants who have been dispossessed, and by an increasing number of deserters, especially Amharas, from the Italian service. In many areas the Italians are afraid to move unless with a heavily armed escort.

The insurgents are particularly successful in attacking convoys and one case is quoted in which 15 lorries were destroyed. They have recently extended their activities to assaults on Italian posts, and on one occasion returned with a large herd of cattle. Until recently the main difficulty was the ancient character of their rifles and ammunition. The only means of remedying this was raids. They brought to Kenya evidence of their success in the form of Italian officers' uniforms, band equipment and official documents. Several instances are recorded of recent large-scale encounters. On the road south from Addis Ababa Shifita ambushed two companies of colonial infantry, claiming 80 dead (including four Italians) and 60 captured with rifles. An Italian attempt to punish the elusive Shifita failed. A whole battalion was lured into a forest where 50 were killed.

A car was attacked near Javelo and three occupants killed, including Carlo Luna, Provincial Commissioner for the Maji Mega area. Shifita bands are developing a successful guerilla technique which reduces losses to a minimum. They have also been useful

in spreading information and in this connection thousands of pamphlets have been dropped by the South African Air Force. There is ample evidence that many thousands of Abyssinians, who are rapidly becoming better armed, are preparing for the day of reckoning with Italy.

Nazi Broadcaster's Warning to Vichy

The New York correspondent of "The Times" cables:—

Dispatches from Vichy indicate that there is strong German dissatisfaction with the progress of Franco-German collaboration since Laval was ousted from the Vichy Government and there is even a possibility that collaboration is about to collapse.

Laval's close friend Marcel Deat, Editor of the "L'Oeuvre" again in that newspaper berated the "men of Vichy" who he asserted were attempting under orders from Marshal Petain to provoke the Germans into violating the Hitler-Petain agreement reached at Montoire. He intimated that they had deliberately organised a scarcity of food so that one day the "bad tempers" of the people of Paris and its suburbs would "burst out and bring about incidents that would provoke intervention by the occupying troops." That "would be a fine day for the adversaries of collaboration," he declared.

The German Wireless Station at Stuttgart has warned the French people that even if the Reynauds, Daladier and "other boasters at the Belleville prison" were punished, "the French people will not thereby extinguish before history their debt" and that they could not escape their share of responsibility for the war. Nevertheless they were being offered the opportunity to "redeem their errors."

If France were not to be excluded from the list of nations which were organising a "real peace" the French must "associate themselves to-day with the work of collaboration for the renovation of Europe to which their conquerors have so generously invited them." The broadcaster declared significantly that the "German Army is doing the impossible to-day in order that its presence in France should not produce any friction," and that it was the duty of Frenchmen to say their mea culpa for the sins they have committed and to promise to "collaborate without reticence with the other nations of the European Continent."

Laval, since his release from arrest was obtained from Marshal Petain by the intervention of Abetz, the German Ambassador, has become increasingly arrogant. It is reported, and makes little or no effort to conceal his contempt for Marshal Petain.

The "Daily Telegraph" New York Correspondent cables:—

As one examines the position of the United States as a non-belligerent ally of Great Britain, it is impossible not to be impressed by the great changes which have taken place in American public opinion.

Twelve months ago, asserts the magazine "Fortune" in a survey appearing in its January issue, the attitude of the people of the United States to the rest of the world was one of detached awareness which found expression in such remarks as "well they're in the same old jam again over there—may be this time they can get along without us."

"As the year ended," says "Fortune," "the shift in their mood had proceeded so far that it appeared to have become an irreversible reaction." To-day the American people stand foursquare behind Great Britain. They are determined to do everything that lies within their power to help the British people to defeat Hitler. They still hope this will not involve fighting, but they are prepared to fight if necessary.

So solidly is the nation committed to the axiom that Nazism must be defeated that it is difficult to see how the groups who are opposing the policy of aiding Britain can do more than employ delaying tactics.

Italian Attitude To Badoglio

The "Daily Telegraph" Lisbon Correspondent cables:—

Increasing numbers of Italians are looking to Marshal Badoglio, late Chief of the Italian General Staff, as the man of the future. He is regarded as the one outstanding leader who is not compromised, either politically or in a military sense by the reverses in Libya and Albania.

It is commonly believed in Italy that he warned Mussolini beforehand of the magnitude of the Greek undertaking. Il Duce replied that the Greeks would offer only token resistance and the campaign would be a walkover. Therefore he sent only about a quarter of the troops Badoglio declared to be necessary.

Whether this was the reason for Badoglio's resignation is less important than the fact that many Italians believe it to be. His prestige increases rather than declines as a result of successive military reverses.

By many he is regarded as the only man capable of saving Italy from the threatening disaster. It is believed he would be ready if events called him.

In the eyes of the public, Ciano, the Foreign Minister shares with his father-in-law Mussolini the blame for the Greek fiasco. Indeed he is believed in many quarters to be the instigator of the disastrous adventure.

While Badoglio is their chief hope the Italians are aware that the Nazis may have quite a different idea of Italy's future. Large numbers of German officers are now in Rome, ostensibly as technical advisers of the Italian army. German aircraft are also much in evidence and are daily flying low over Rome.

Travellers who left Milan a few days ago report, however, that there was then no sign of German military activity in Northern Italy. All observers bear witness to the great unpopularity of the war among all classes in Italy.

New British Giant

The King George V, latest and probably most powerful of British battleships, is one of nine new British battleships, the first of them just commencing to join the fleet.

The King George V, built by Vickers-Armstrongs on the Tyne, was laid down with her sister-ship, the Prince of Wales, on Jan. 1, 1937, one day after the expiration of the treaties limiting naval armaments, which were denounced by Japan. She was launched February 21, 1939, and it had been expected that both she and the Prince of Wales would be completed early in 1940. Battleships normally require about forty-eight months or longer in the building, but not all of this time is time on the ways; before

and provision of fresh capital.

So Japan is back at a crossroads, with its military and naval expansionists lured by the dream of predatory gains in league with the Axis and its repressed moderates, among whom may be counted many of its businessmen and of its more experienced diplomats, with a sprinkling even of Admirals and Generals, concerned over the prospects of a conflict with the British Empire and America which would immediately almost annihilate Japan's foreign trade and throw it on the insufficient resources of its own islands plus those sections of the Asiatic mainland which it has conquered or may conquer.

their keel is laid perhaps a year is required for design and drafting work, ordering of material, etc. After they are water-borne about another year is necessary for installation of superstructure, guns, etc., and final completion.

Ordinarily in time of war this construction period can be reduced

By Hanson W. Baldwin

slightly by intensive work and twenty-four-hour shifts, but the King George V, ready to join the fleet and probably on a "shake-down cruise" preparatory to active operations was somewhat delayed in completion. She was commissioned some months ago, but some minor changes were probably made, and other alterations made as a result of war lessons and she was not finally completed, it is believed, until recently.

The delay in completion was a deliberate one. Great Britain did not primarily require battleship reinforcements to her fleet. Her great need was, and is, for light vessels, particularly destroyers and escort and patrol vessels, and priority was given to the construction of merchantmen and to the repair of damaged vessels.

The Prince of Wales probably already has been commissioned. It is likely she will be ready for active service early this year. The three others of the same class—the Duke of York, Jellicoe and Beatty—should be along later this year. Four other battleships of the Lion class, to displace somewhat more than 40,000 tons and to be armed with 16-inch guns, probably eight or nine of them, were not laid down until 1939 and will not be ready before 1943 or 1944.

The King George V replaces the battleship Royal Oak, sunk in the early days of the war at Scapa Flow by a German submarine. She and the Prince of Wales increase the British battleship fleet to sixteen (one or two of which, however, may be under repair for damage, probably minor). Britain now compares in battleship strength with the Axis powers as follows:

Two new German ships of the Bismarck class of 37,500 tons (or

35,000 tons) armed with eight 15-inch guns probably have just been completed, or shortly will be and Germany also has the modern 28,000-ton Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, armed with nine 11-inch guns.

At least two of the Italian ships are probably in drydock as a result of Britain's Taranto raid, and since Britain's ships are more or less homogeneous units, the British superiority in battleship strength is greater than the figures imply. Moreover, it is likely to increase, since the next three British battleships will be completed soon, long before the four Axis ships now on the ways which are still far from completion.

In quality it is difficult to compare the new British King George V class with the Bismarck and the Italian Littorio, since exact characteristics are not known. Photographs taken in the Chesapeake show a battleship whose general hull structure seems of typical British design—rugged, workmanlike.

The King George V class have ten 14-inch guns in their main battery, a feature that was considerably criticised in England, since all of the new battleships of other powers are armed with larger guns. The main battery arrangement is novel for British ships, with the guns emplaced in two extraordinarily wide quadruple turrets, one forward and one aft, and in one two-gun turret, forward and firing above the quadruple turret. The photographs also show sixteen 5.25-inch guns—eight to a broadside, arranged in double turrets and useable against surface or air targets.

Particularly noticeable in the photographs are the large number of small calibre, quick-firing anti-aircraft guns scattered about the ship. One of them appears to be an octuple barreled Vickers pom-pom, having eight guns on the one mount instead of four. Others of a somewhat more novel type seem to be multiple barreled heavy machine-guns, apparently twenty barrels on one mount, and there are four such mounts discernible in the photographs.

As to planes, it is possible she carries two or three between the stacks, launched on one of the typical British deck catapults. Her reported speed is better than thirty knots.

U.S. SHOCKED BY NAZI WORLD SLAVERY PLAN

A POLITICAL SENSATION of the first order has been created in New York by publication of the speech by Richard Walther Darré, Germany's Minister of Agriculture and a key man in the Nazi party.

With extraordinary frankness he outlined German plans for the world, including the United States. He described how the populations of conquered countries would be forced to work as slaves for the Germans.

In the United States, he said, Nazi sympathisers already held many key posts, "and we have in the American police an organisation operating with the same exactitude as in Berlin or Prague."

The speech, which was delivered to a gathering of high Nazi officials, who were warned that it was as much as their lives were worth to divulge it, was printed in the "New York Times" and the magazine Life. Both declare that after thorough investigation they believe it to be authentic.

On Invasion Eve

Darré began his review of Nazi aims by dealing with the situation in Europe on the eve of the attack on the Low Countries and France. But it is his references to the United States and the avowed intention to secure America's total capitulation which cause interest and concern here. He said:

"I have been asked about my opinion on America, especially the United States, and the danger of this pseudo-democratic republic's possible attempts to hinder us in our historical development.

"There is no fear that this demoralised country will mix in this German war. In the first place, as in France and other countries, also in the United States we have many of our compatriots and even more friends among the citizens of the United States who are favourably disposed towards us.

"Many of the latter hold most important positions in political and economic life, and will not permit public opinion to allow something so senseless and insane as war against Germany.

Eyes On U.S. Gold

"Moreover after Germany's occupation of England and France such a war would be entirely hopeless.

"I may say that at the outbreak of war or even at the beginning of this year a declaration by the United States of war against Germany would have caused serious difficulties, inasmuch as the moral strength of France and England would have gained and the unloading of relatively weak American forces would have encouraged the Western Powers to an offensive.

"On the other hand, we Germans have an account which we must settle with this country. In this war, not to mention the last war, the United States holds all the gold of Europe, which was and indisputably is our property, Germany being the successor state of the subjugated nations.

"Gold alone is practically of no value; but the insulting fact that it is something which God intended for us, which we were robbed of and which is intentionally withheld from us, must not remain unpunished.

"The United States also will be forced by Germany to complete the final capitulation. Our superior industrial products will be sold at very low prices to the whole world and will cause the United States to have not 7,000,000, but 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 unemployed.

"Mr. Rosenfeld (a Nazi leader) will then beg the Fuehrer on his knees to purchase from the United States not manufactured products, but raw materials at prices we shall dictate.

"The United States is at present so demoralised and so corrupted that, like France and England, it need not be taken into consideration as a military adversary.

"No Fear of U.S."

"We have in the United States police an organisation operating with the same exactitude as in Berlin or Prague, and we have

no fear of any activities on the part of the United States.

"The only purpose of our offensive against the United States is for ever to get rid of another bulwark of plutocracy, to regain what belongs to us and to teach Americans to respect Germany."

Darré started by predicting the destruction of France. "The French," he said, "are a nation of idlers and the fists of our good soldiers will teach these greedy pleasure-seekers and rotters to work hard for us."

Germany had many friends in France, Belgium and Holland. "These friends are not only our kinsmen resident there but also many members of those nations.

"Some of them have adopted the Fuehrer's doctrine; some are displaced officials of the former regime; some are ambitious to gain prominent positions; some won't resist the temptation of money. All, however, will render our cause the most faithful service.

"Accursed England"

"After the complete defeat and humiliation of the Western Continental Powers it will be easy to crush contemptible England, isolated and in our power, England must be destroyed as once Carthage was destroyed.

"The centres of this perfidious plutocracy must be turned into ruins so that this punishment might serve as a lesson to all who will attack this nation.

"Thousands of our planes will fly over proud Albion and the thunder of bombs and fires will shake to the very foundations this accursed island that has hindered for centuries our development. Our S.S. regiments, with the rest of the army, will finish the work of destruction without any sentimentality.

"By good or evil we shall subjugate especially Rumania, because of its sources of naphtha, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece. Then our way is open to immeasurable supplies of raw material in Africa.

"It may be assumed that before the autumn sets in we shall be absolute masters of two continents with the exception of Soviet Russia.

New Methods

"We shall introduce in our new living space completely new methods. All the soil and industrial property of inhabitants of non-German origin will be confiscated without exception and distributed primarily among the worthy members of the party and soldiers accorded honours for bravery in this war. Thus a new aristocracy of German masters will be created.

"This aristocracy will have slaves assigned it, these slaves to be their property and to consist of landless non-German nationals.

"Please do not interpret the word 'slaves' as a parable or as a rhetorical term. We actually have in mind a modern form of medieval slavery which we must and will introduce because we urgently need it to fulfil our great tasks.

"These slaves will by no means be denied the blessings of illiteracy. Higher education will in future be reserved only for the German population of Europe.

"We have selected this form of slavery for several reasons. The most important reason is that we are abolishing the gold standard and replacing it by work. This work must be as cheap as possible so that our economic conquest may spread extensively and rapidly."

"GREAT AIR BLOW AT BRITAIN"

A letter in which the writer, Hans Schmidt, of Chicago, predicts that Hitler will launch a terrific air attack on England soon is published by the "New York Times."

In a leading article, the newspaper asserts the suggestion comes "from a source known to tap a centre of information within Germany which has proved reliable in the past, and says that if correct, it would explain Hitler's apparent indifference to the reverses suffered by his minor partner in Southern Europe."

"All reports coming out of Germany agree that deep gloom has taken possession of the population," writes Schmidt. "The feeling of hopelessness bordering in many instances on despair seems to exceed the dark pessimism I observed all over Germany last winter. With many people the longing for an alternative to Hitler is taking on the character of almost religious and mystical nostalgia.

"Nevertheless let there be no doubt, the exceedingly small and exceedingly hard group of Nazis who govern the German people is still confident of total victory. As long as this confidence remains unshaken the overthrow of the Hitler regime by mere responsible elements remains very unlikely.

"Towards the end of winter, possibly as early as February, the Nazi air force will be reorganised and strengthened to such an extent that an out and out aerial offensive against the British Isles can be undertaken. If this succeeds, invasion, in the eyes of the Nazi strategists, amounts only to a mopping up operation that will immediately follow the air blitzkrieg.

U.S. VISITOR'S ADVENTURE

A United States observer with the R.A.F., who was trying a Spitfire, shot down a German plane, according to an article "Time."

The American, whose name is not disclosed, was visiting a station of the Fighter Command on a quiet day, when he was invited to take a flight over the aerodrome. Escorted by another Spitfire, he went up and was flying peacefully when a group of Messerschmitts appeared.

The British pilot naturally accepted the challenge, but the American, in the interests of neutrality, tactfully tried to retire. He was however, pursued by one of the Nazi pilots.

"When bullets began to nip past him," an article states, "the American abandoned neutrality, flipped over his plane, got the Nazi in his sights, pressed the gun button, and bagged one Messerschmitt fighter for the armed forces of the United States."

It is emphasised that the United States Government has no official knowledge of this engagement.

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LONDON PUBLIC SERVICES NOW ALMOST NORMAL

SIR WARREN FISHER, Special Commissioner for the London Civil Defence region, has given details of the organisation he has evolved for clearing and salvaging the debris of bombed buildings, repairing roads and restoring public utility services in Greater London.

The area for which he is responsible embraces 95 boroughs, and covers the whole of the L.C.C. area and Middlesex, as well as parts of Essex, Surrey and Kent. Sir Warren said that he had secured the whole-hearted cooperation of the London County Council and the other county councils concerned.

Among his principal points were: There are now several thousand soldiers and over 5,000 civilian workers under his control;

It is hoped to build up the civilian labour force to 25,000, so that the soldiers can be released for military duties;

Already 2,000,000 good bricks have been salvaged.

Dealing with the restoration of damaged public services, Sir Warren said that of the scores of thousands of "gas accounts" only 1½ per cent. were now without gas; that the water supply was practically normal, and the electricity supply completely normal.

He was less definite about the repair of telephone communications, but said that his daily report showed continued progress.

Sir Warren said that the response of the War Office to his request for help enabled him to get to work quickly, and he hoped to be able to retain the troops while the civil organisation was being built up to take their place.

Debris For A.R.P. Work

Local authorities have first call on the bricks, wood, and metals salvaged for A.R.P. or other important construction work, and hard core from broken roads is available for use by the Services.

As a result of his tours Sir Warren has come to the conclusion that there is too much roping off of roads, causing unnecessary interference with traffic. He intends to take early action on this question.

Clearance work is hampered to some extent by a lack of lorries and mechanical equipment.

"There is immense competition for these things now," he said, "and it takes time to get the necessary accumulation, but, somehow or other, it will be obtained."

When he took on his task Sir Warren found that in his region 15 gas companies operated. He thereupon simplified the procedure which would have been needed to repair fractured mains by getting the companies to form a small committee with which he could deal.

Sir Warren said that he thought London's main drainage system "had stood up to bombing very well."

Regarding the telephone service, he said: "I found at first that the telephone people would come along and make a temporary repair, then other people would arrive and unfix their work."

"I then arranged that the various repair bodies should have a conference over a road crater and decide on an agreed position for the telephone repair, so that it should not be disturbed. London will increasingly feel the effect of that arrangement."

INFANTRY UNIT ON WHEELS

While the motor-cycle battalion acts as the light cavalry and tanks as the heavy cavalry in the army of to-day, a motor battalion is still an infantry unit, though it moves on wheels.

It is a rifle battalion which has become enormously strong in light machine-guns and anti-tank rifles, thanks to the carriers with which it is abundantly provided.

The carrier is not a tank, though it moves on the same principle. It is less a fighter than a means of conveying men and weapons into the fight.

SMASH-&-GRAB IN NIGHT RAIDS

Scotland Yard is taking special measures to deal with new-type smash-and-grab thefts from West End shops in night air raids. Gangsters wait until there is heavy gunfire, break a window with a brick, fill portmanteaux with goods, and escape in the black-out. Watch is also being kept on London gangs who travel to provincial areas where the police are occupied with the results of bombing.

Householders are warned by the A.R.P. Department not to pay any attention to persons who may call upon them, purporting to be Air Raid Wardens, unless they are either in uniform, or wearing the A.R.P. Badge, a numerical Identity Disc and an Armlet.

TO PROVE WAR IS ALREADY WON

A BIG PROPAGANDA campaign to persuade Germans that the war is as good as won has been launched. Among the most notable Nazi speakers was Ley, leader of the Labour Front, who said at Dresden that by 1948 the 300-year-old Treaty of Westphalia would be liquidated and a new holy German empire would arise.

Fate, which had taught England to be blind, had taught Germany the power which was a necessary attribute for the shaping of destiny. Germany was pre-ordained to create a new European order after victory.

Reports cabled from Berlin to neutral newspapers state that Germany is building factories intended after the war to replace ruined British works, especially those devoted to textiles. Thus, it is explained, the foundations of the new Europe are being laid.

These factories, it is alleged, are gigantic and modern, and are situated mostly in the protectorates. Immediately after the war they will take up manufactures which crippled Britain is unable to undertake.

German newspapers abound with other plans for the future, and the impression is always given that the work has already begun.

Readers perusing these promising schemes search vainly for news of the war in Albania. Instead, they can read about the new Siegfried Line on the Channel coast, which is claimed to have an offensive as well as a defensive character.

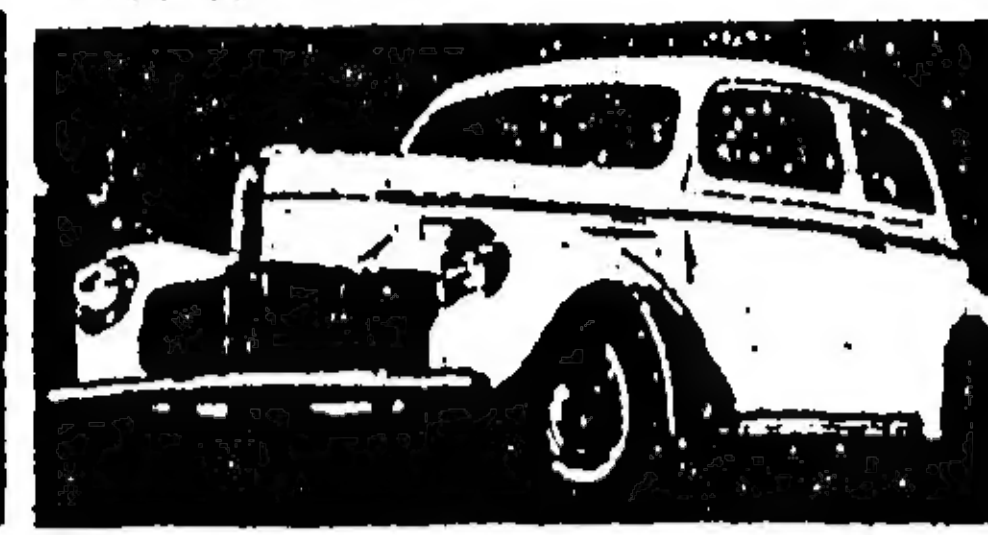
Ten thousand workmen with dredgers were set to work immediately the Armistice with France was signed. The new line is a chain of forts, batteries, and anti-aircraft guns.

While the Germans are thus trying to disseminate the impression that victory is so easy and certain that even now they are devoting time, money, and manpower to laying the foundations of the new Europe, Giovanni Ansaldo, speaking in Berlin at the Foreign Press Club, expressed the opinion that the war would possibly, even probably, be a long one.

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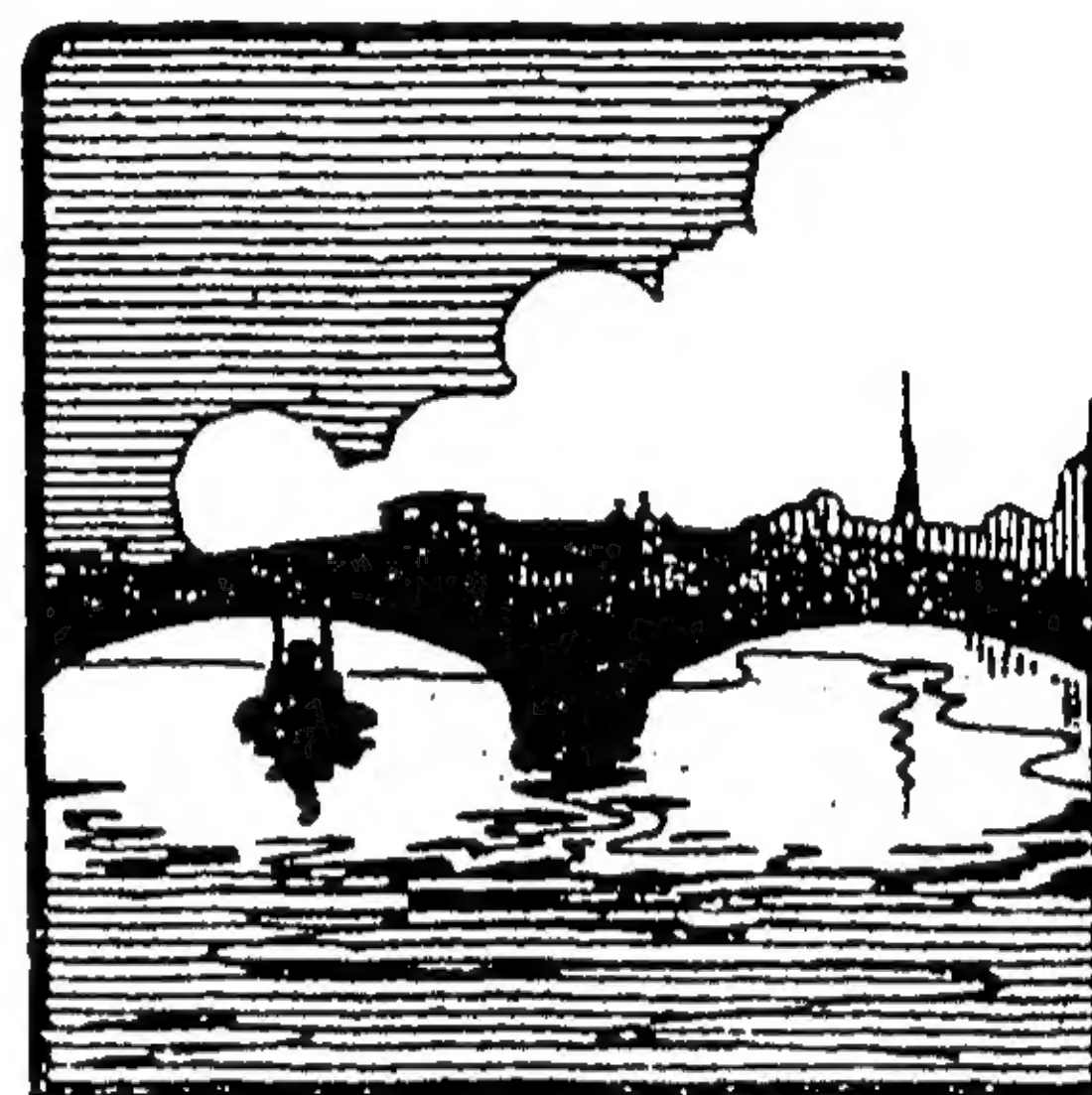
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Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1941.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A DISASTROUS PSYCHIC BID By The Four Aces

Psychic bids aren't made very much these days, and we suppose that most of our readers use them with moderation, if at all. Whatever you think about psychic bids, however, you'll probably be interested in the sad tale of a famous expert's psychic two-bid:

South, Dealer Both sides vulnerable ♠ A K 10 6 ♥ 4 ♦ A K 7 4 ♣ Q 9 6 3 ♠ Q 4 ♥ A 10 7 5 ♦ Q J 9 8 ♣ 5 2 ♠ 9 8 5 2 ♥ K Q J 8 ♦ 3 ♣ 10 7 6 2 ♠ J 7 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ K J 8 4

The bidding: South West North East 2♣ Pass 7♣ Pass Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

The bidding, as you can see, was brief and decisive. The play was less brief but even more decisive, for South was set five tricks—a penalty of 1,400 points! But when the smoke had cleared, both North and South earnestly maintained that the other had been more at fault for the disaster. Our own opinion is a mixed one. We think South's psychic two-bid was rather silly but that North's jump to seven clubs was stupid.

South intended to pass his partner's response, whatever it might be, and hoped that the opponents would be intimidated by the opening two-bid or, in any event, prevented from reaching their best contract. The odds against any such success were tremendous, and it was much more likely that the psychic bid would result in a bad penalty. Nevertheless, there was no need for North to make any jump bid at all. A simple response of two diamonds would have been enough at that point. If South had a legitimate two-bid (which North's strength should have caused him to doubt) he would bid again, and North would have ample opportunity to bid a Grand Slam. And if South's two-bid were so ridiculous that he had to pass two diamonds (as would have been the case), North would have reason to be glad he had not made a higher bid.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 8 ♥ 10 5 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ Q J 10 6

The bidding: You Jacoby Maier Schenken Pass Pass 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. There is probably a game at no-trump, and if your partner has anything but the barest minimum he will bid it.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 80% for three no-trump, 0% for any other bid.

Question No. 637

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 8 ♥ K J 5 ♦ K Q 4 2 ♣ Q J 7 3

The bidding: Schenken You Maier Jacoby Pass Pass Pass 1♠ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer—tomorrow.)

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ALIENS TO HAVE MORE FREEDOM

Modification of the restrictions placed on some classes of aliens in Britain are likely soon, it is understood.

Meantime, the police have received instructions from the Home Secretary to exercise discretion in cases in order to avoid unnecessary hardship or interference with their livelihood.

It had been felt that injustice was being done to such as Greeks, Dutch, Norwegians, Belgians, French, and Danes in imposing total restriction on them.

Morrison's Statement

The position has been clarified by Mr. Morrison, who said:—

"In view of the large number of aliens now serving or about to serve in His Majesty's Forces, as well as in the forces of Allied Governments in this country, it was felt that it would not be right to leave this special body of persons outside the system of alien control in present circumstances, when it is specially important to have means of ascertaining quickly where the alien is residing or when aliens are residing in a particular area.

"I am anxious, however, that these regulations should be administered in such a way as to



When a girl puts her best foot forward she should have good legs to stand on.

avoid unnecessary hardship or interference with law-abiding persons, and special instructions have been sent to the police for that purpose."

Curfew Position

The curfew—12 o'clock to 6 a.m. in London and 10.30 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the provinces—and the restriction on the possession of a car, cycle, etc., must generally be observed, but it is clear that the police will use their powers to grant special facilities to those whose business makes the use of a car necessary or in the case of aliens engaged on work during curfew hours.

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Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Youth Too Careless About Eating

We are told by physicians that the changes from puberty to adolescence, with profound influence upon the vital glands of the body, are partly responsible for pimply, unlovely complexions which one sees on young boys and girls. But, alas, that is not the whole story.

Youth is notoriously careless about its diet and its personal grooming, as well as other living habits! Youth depends too much on its abundant health to take the advice of authorities who urge them to pay more attention to the selection of food, to keep strict hours as far as rest and mealtime are concerned, and not to be so careless about the external care of the body's skin.

Youth should be schooled (and should profit by this schooling) in the great importance of diet, regular elimination, and other hygienic measures.

Selecting Foods

An eminent nutritionist who has done much to promote the layman's knowledge of food forces has this to say.

"When you think of regulating the diet, the first thing you think of is cutting out objectionable foods. But putting in the right ones is just as important. By all means cut out greasy and heavy foods, the sweet and the starchy. They are not good for the skin. But do not forget to increase the amounts of fruits and vegetables. Be especially sure to include goodly quantities of CARROTS, RADISHES, ONIONS, and LETTUCE—those foods are both laxative and rich in sulphur, two essentials to skin health.

"Regular elimination is vitally important. A clear, smooth skin is impossible while the poisons and wastes from the uneliminated foods are flooding the body.

"Sunshine is a great help in overcoming skin troubles.

"Exercise for skin beauty—the skin tissues cannot store up poisons for long when the blood stream is surging."

Keep Body Clean

Once you make good internal hygiene a daily habit, you must correct your external complexion care routine. "Cat washes" are strictly taboo. In fact, young people need two good skin scrubbing each day—one in the morning when they get up and one in the evening before getting into bed. If they come home late, in the day from exercising or working they should wash their faces, necks and hands with soap and water at once—that makes three soap and water cleanings each day.

CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

At an annual general meeting and election of officers of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President: Dr. Edward W. J. Sun, Vice-President: Dr. Lee Hah Long, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. H. C. Chan, Council Members: Dr. Li Shu Fui, Dr. Poon Seck Wah, Dr. Tsung Fat Im, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. Douglas Laing, Dr. N. K. Law, Dr. K. D. Ling, Dr. T. J. Hua.

Adolescents need a complexion brush or a rough washcloth to truly cleanse the pores of their skin. If a wash cloth is used instead of a brush a fresh one is required each day—especially when correcting blemished skin condition. A wash cloth harbours germ infections and should not be used twice without being sterilised.

No young person should go without at least a daily bath, and under clothes should be changed daily. Outer clothing should be frequently washed or dry-cleaned to keep them free of perspired impurities.

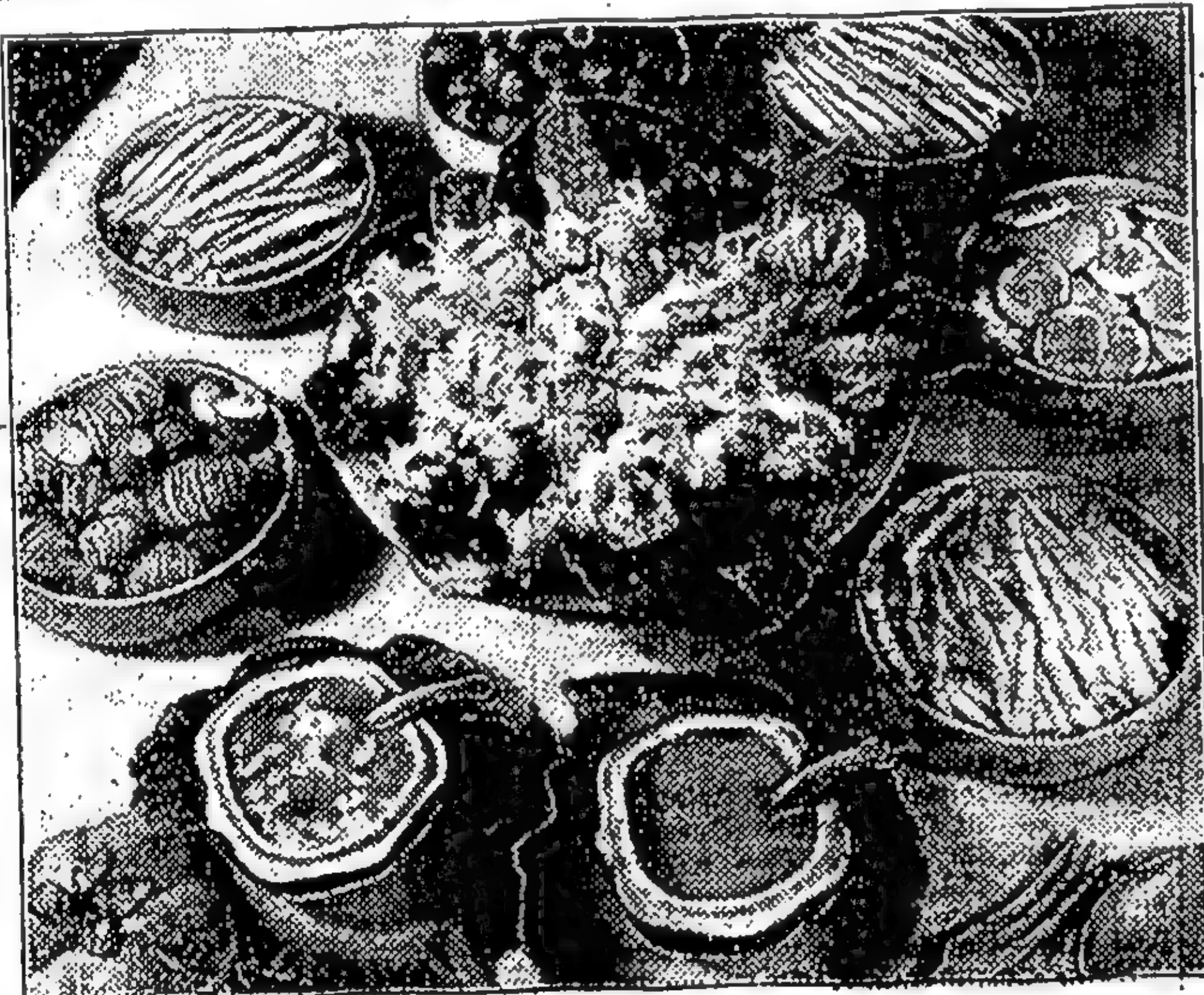
All this sounds like a lot of trouble, but a clear, lovely skin and healthy body is compensation enough for any effort you make!

The CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-SALAD idea wins high favor with guests (especially the men!)

Dorothy Greig

THE whole idea back of buffet refreshments is, of course, to give guests a choice of foods and let them help themselves.

And now a new and bright furtherance of that plan is to place, not the mixed whole salad, but the salad makin's them-



Let guests put together their own salads by offering a choice of ingredients and dressings in separate bowls.

coires on the table and turn the guests loose to put together their own salads. And do they love it! Nibbling Nellie and Gustaf George both get exactly what they wish and enjoy it hugely in consequence.

Fill a large center bowl with greens. Then surround the big bowl with individual bowls, each one containing a separate salad ingredient. You can offer three or four bowls or a dozen, depending upon how expansive you feel. You might, for instance, have a line-up something like this:

Buffet Salad
2 cups chicken
2 cups radishes
2 cups cheese
2 cups sliced raw carrots
Stuffed olives
6 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
And, of course, the large bowl of salad greens

Cut the chicken and cheese into strips about 1½ inches long and ¼ inch square. Slice the hard-cooked eggs and arrange in a small bowl. Slice the radishes being careful not to cut through entirely. And let stand in ice-water so that the slices will separate and spread, accordion fashion. Cut the carrots into long 4-5 inch strips and about ¼ inch square. Use lettuce, chicory, romaine, or watercress in the large salad bowl, or a combination of them.

Offer guests a choice of dressings, too, perhaps a keen French dressing and a thick creamy may-

onnaise or Russian dressing. Here are two dressings that are particularly flavorful. One is a French dressing especially good on a buffet table because it is non-separating. The other dressing has chopped eggs and anchovy paste and is sharp and tangy.

Snappy French Dressing

1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon grated onion
1 cup oil (olive or salad)
½ cup vinegar
½ can condensed tomato soup
Combine the dry ingredients and mix in the grated onion. Blend in the oil and let stand for 10-15 minutes. Add vinegar and tomato soup. Beat well until the dressing mixture is thick and well blended. Makes approximately 2½ cups of dressing.

This is a non-separating French dressing.

Egg and Anchovy Dressing

1 tablespoon dry mustard
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon anchovy paste
1 cup salad oil
½ cup vinegar
½ can condensed tomato soup
1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
Combine dry mustard, sugar, salt and anchovy paste. Then add salad oil, vinegar and tomato soup. Mix well and at the last stir in the hard-cooked egg. Makes 2½ cups dressing.

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1.48 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in D Major (The "Prague" Symphony).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Crosstown New York".

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 2: Defoe. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News-Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches". By Howard Marshall.

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TRADED WITH ENEMY CHARGE

Doreen Grant Gibbons was described by the Solicitor-General, Sir William Jowitt, at the Old Bailey as the "real brains behind transactions which have benefited the Germans while her country was at war."

Charges of trading with the enemy were brought against her and against Louis Francis Szilagyi, aged sixty-five, and Thomas Ogilvie, fifty-eight.

They all pleaded not guilty, and entered a similar plea to charges brought against a limited company, Metal and Electro Chemical Products, of London.

The charges included counts alleging that they had transferred assets worth £84,713 to a Swedish firm under enemy control.

"Subservient"

Sir William Jowitt said the two men were really in a subservient position. The person really responsible was Miss Gibbons.

"While her country is at war she has been entering through the company, of which all three are directors, into all kinds of financial transactions to the benefit of Germans."

"If you arrange with a Swedish company to give it assets, provided it will pay a debt which you owe to Germany, in that way you are indirectly paying your debt to Germany instead of paying it to the custodian of enemy property."

"That is the scheme which this lady evolved, and the two men obediently signed on the dotted line."

After legal submission by Mr. G. D. Roberts (defending) Mr. Justice Asquith decided that as one count in the indictment had been altered at short notice, an adjournment was necessary. He put the case back to the next sessions.

BLAZING 'PLANE BOMBED ENEMY, GOT HOME

NEARLY HALF of their 'plane was shot away. What was left was on fire. The R.A.F. men put the fire out — then carried on to drop their bombs.

They brought the flying wreckage home from Germany. The pilot sat down to write his official account of the adventure: "I have the honour to report that on the night of November 11-12 the aircraft was damaged."

He recalled the radio man's words: "I'm going blind, sir," how the rear gunner guided the operator's hand to the key to tap out messages for forty minutes—messages that never got through. The aerial had been shot away.

The pilot, in an interview, said that for fifty minutes clouds hid their main target—the oil refinery at Wesseling, Cologne—so they made for the railway goods yards at Cologne before that was obscured too.

"It seemed as if we could not miss our new target," said the pilot. "The bomb doors were open, the radio operator was standing by to drop the great flare, and the bomb aimer had started giving the usual alterations of course."

"Then A.A. fire opened up intensely. A 'near miss' showered us with fragments."

"There was a blinding explosion, part of the front turret was blown away, and there was another terrific explosion in the fuselage. The shell had touched off the flare."

"The observer and the wireless operator were both injured. There was a 10ft. hole in the rear."

"The explosions had hurled the control column out of my hands."

Shouted "Fire!"

"Soon the smoke cleared a little, and to my amazement I saw that not only were the engines still there, but that they were both running."

"Then the bomb aimer came up through the well, his face stream-

ing with what looked like blood.

"Suddenly he shouted 'fire,' staggered along towards the tail. Flames were coming through the door beneath the petrol tank, so I shouted: 'Put them out.'"

"Nobody heard me. They were all there before I shouted."

"A little later I looked round and saw the radio operator coming through the door. His flying suit was on fire. The bomb-aimer dashed up to him and beat the flames out."

"Then he disappeared down fuselage again. He seemed to have recovered completely, and it turned out that what I had taken to be blood was only oil."

"The cabin cleared of smoke. The plane was flying erratically. The crew were working frantically to get rid of the incendiaries and anything that might explode."

Not for Fun

"We carried on in this state and dropped our bombs. We had not made the journey for fun, and the job had to be done as best we could do it."

"During this time the radio operator and I were alone in the cabin. He had collapsed on the floor and said: 'I'm going blind, sir.' His face was burned completely black."

"He got to his feet and said: 'I must get to the wireless.'"

"As soon as his burns had been treated, he clambered to his radio and started to send out messages."

"But first he had to explain the settings of the dials to the rear gunner. Everything ready, he had his hand guided to the key."

"For forty minutes he stood like that, tapping out his message, but the aerial had been shot away."

"There was little left to hold the tail plane on, but we bombed the goods yard, and, in spite of all they could do to us we safely made the journey home in five hours against an eighty miles an hour wind."

V.C.'S BRIDE KEEPS LUCK

Three hours after receiving the Freedom of South Shields, Second-Lieutenant Wallace Annand, V.C., was in the train for London ready for his wedding to Miss Shirley Osborne, of Selsea.

They will be married in St. George's, Hanover Square. But for the wedding Miss Osborne would have been present to see Lieutenant Annand made the fourth Freeman of South Shields by the mayor, Alderman W. I. Pearson.

"It would have meant courting bad luck by my seeing her on the morning of the wedding before we reached the church, and we couldn't risk that," he said.

When Second-Lieutenant Annand arrived at South Shields Town Hall a tall, grey-haired man stepped forward shyly to meet him. He was Mr. Joseph Hunter, of Porden Road, Sunderland, father of Lieutenant Annand's batman, Private Joseph Hunter, who is a prisoner and does not know that Lieutenant Annand got the V.C. for trying to save him.

Lieutenant Annand, though wounded himself, got a barrow and tried to wheel Hunter to safety. A road block held him up, and while he was away seeking help Hunter was captured.

Dismissed the Service.—A recent London Gazette announced that Lt. G. C. Wilson, R.A.S.C., and Lt. W. M. Keay, R.A., are dismissed the service by sentence of general courts martial.

WORKING WIFE A HEROINE

The workers in the factories are going to it and behind them, supporting them with their grit and loyalty, are those "unsung heroines, the workers' wives."

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, said this at a conference of employers and workers in London to discuss the Government's policy on working after the siren.

He said wives shared with their husbands the risk of an attack and they endured in addition the strain of watching and waiting for their man working at his post in a "target" factory.

Mr. Morrison added: "When an effective system of double warning has been worked out and good cover exists reasonably close at hand, I have enough knowledge of our war workers and their managements to be quite sure that not an unnecessary minute of time will be lost."

"Why should the war worker be more interested in 'safety first' as a war-time motto than is his colleague of the civil defence force?"

He explained in detail the plans for selecting and training roof-spotters for factories, the arrangements for stopping and restarting work and the nature of emergency protection.

Policeman on Looting Charge.—P.C. Robinson, a War Reserve constable, was arrested in London by Scotland Yard detectives and charged under the defence regulations with two cases of looting from premises damaged by enemy action in Berners Street.

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CYCLONES LOSE TO HONG KONG BASEBALLERS BUT DO WELL

Bad Base-Running Costs Runs

Saints Make No Mistake Against The Filipinos

By "Grandstand"

ALTHOUGH THE CYCLONES went down to the Hong Kong Baseballers 7-3, in the Senior Softball League night cap on Sunday, they gave the Mohawks some anxious moments and the score would have been much closer had it not been for bone-head base-running on the part of the Omarmen, especially on two occasions when the runner on third was nailed at the plate on an attempted double steal, by a catcher to short-stop play.

You can try the same thing a hundred times in this League — they still bite!

Cyclone mentor "Sunburn" the Launen fanned five but issued Omar a surprise when he started Puky Pineda on the hill against the heavy chugging Mohawks. Pineda went the route and was nipped for 10 blows, which included a pair of triples and three doubles. Cy "Screwball" Jones led on the slab for the Waggonermen and fanned three but walked four.

Mohawks Threaten

The Mohawks threatened right from the start when Lou Leight doubled with two away. Fitch singled to push Leight to third but Ernie Hearther grounded out to end the threat.

In the Cyclone half, Skelly Razack got on base on a fielder's choice, whilst Jones walked Bakar. Markar Junior looked at five-pitches for another walk to load the bases with two away, but K. M. Rumjahn flied out to Sperry. Both sides failed to score in the second frame, but the Mohawks broke into the score column in the third on two successive hits, a fielder's choice and a sacrifice.

The Cyclones replied with one, when Bakar chased in Skelly Razack with a ringing double. In the fourth Johnnie Schalberg tripled and romped home on a passed ball for another marker.

The Cyclones produced one in each of the fifth and sixth, but the Baseballers slugged two across in the final session to clinch the verdict. Centre-gardener Bakar clouted a neat 1,000 in his three trips, whilst Johnnie Schalberg was next in the honours with three in four, including two doubles and a triple.

The fielding gem of the day was, when left gardener K. M. Rumjahn clamped his hands on Frank Crews' blooper in short centre, to hold Schalberg on third, after centre-fielder Bakar had decided to play it on the bounce.

Easy Win For Indians

The Indians easily accounted for the Chinese in a 6-2 triumph. Denham Cray on the mound for



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Indian hindsnatcher "Tarzan" Ismail was a ball of lightning as he sneaked four bases from the Chinese Baseballers.

Indian keystone "Baby" Abbas lost his batting title by failing to connect safely in four times at the plate.

Saints Make No Mistake

The Saints consolidated their League leadership when they trimmed the Filipinos in a 20-3 massacre which was called off after five innings.

Frankie Gonzales toiled on the slab for the first three frames, whilst Charlie Manson and Hal Winglee took over in the fourth and fifth. Lefty Talong Amper on the mound for the Islanders went the route and fanned two.

Two baggers were banged in by Stan Leonard, George Souza, and Art Ozorio.

Dave Leonard and Henry Ali were the only ones to connect for circuit clouts.

CHUNG WAH BEAT KING'S

As the result of a match played on Monday evening, "A" Section of Junior Division of the Badminton League is now very open. King's College, who had hitherto been unbeaten, lost in their return match with Chung Wah by the odd game in nine, leaving the two teams bracketed at the head of the table.

King's were in a very strong position at one time and not until the eighth game of the evening were Chung Wah on level terms for the first time.

The game that really decided the issue was the fifth. King's, at the end of the first round, were 2-1 to the good; Chan and Chung won the first game of the second round and it only remained for Lui and Woo to win the next game to place King's in a 4-1 lead which would have assured them of the match.

Lui and Woo had to play W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy and although some of the subsequent games were closer, this proved to be easily the best encounter of the evening.

Choy's Shine

W. C. Choy was playing brilliantly and although his brother was not quite so impressive, he

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indians	9	3	.750
Hong Kong Baseballers	8	3	.727
Recreio Aces	5	4	.555
Cyclones	6	5	.545
Chinese Baseballers	3	6	.333
Filipinos	2	8	.200
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.900
V.R.C.	9	1	.900
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio Aces	6	3	.667
Canopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	1	7	.125
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	10	1	.909
Wildcats	10	1	.909
Wahoos	9	3	.750
Baby Panthers	7	5	.583
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Recreio Ramblers	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	10	.091
Chung Hwa	0	11	.000

INTER-HONG

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	4	0	1.000
Texaco Oilers	4	1	.800
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Lacas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenapots	0	5	.000

made few mistakes. The Chung Wah pair scored steadily and when they were leading 19-11 all appeared to be over. The King's pair, however, made a great effort and fighting every point desperately, they crept up to 13-19, 15-19 and 18-19. Chung Wah then secured an ace to lead 20-18. Even then all was not over. Service changed hands at least half a dozen times before the Choy brothers scored the necessary ace to secure game.

Thereafter there was no stopping Chung Wah, and, except for one game won by Chan and Chung, they were unbeatable.

Chan and Chung gave a dazzling display to secure three of the four games credited to King's.

At Bonham Road, Chung Wah defeated King's College by 5 games to 4 on Monday.

C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah) lost to S. P. Chan and W. C. Choy.

Chung Wah 9-21 beat K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo 21-9.

beat T. Lam and K. H. Lo 21-11.

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) lost to Chan and Chung 10-21.

lost to Lui and Woo 8-21.

beat Lam and Lo 21-9.

W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah) lost to Chan and Chung 22-23.

beat Lui and Woo 21-18.

beat Lam and Lo 21-8.

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme:—

King's College v. J. R. C.

Chung Wah v. V. R. C.

Police v. St. John's

Kowloon Tong v. K. C. C.

King's College:—S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell; K. L. Lui and W. C. Choy; T. Lam and K. H. Lo.

J.R.C.:—M. Talan and J. Odell; B. Godkin and S. Ramler; A. R. Poliak and A. Odell.

Chung Wah:—W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu; C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang.

V.R.C.:—D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn; A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares; F. Castro and A. Remedios.

P.R.C.:—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; R. Hogarth and J. Ferrier; C. Y. Shu and J. Shepherd.

St. John's:—A. May and N. E. Smith; H. Eardley and D. Kwok; G. S. Ladd and R. Maynard.

Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Richard Lee and Frank Kwok; N. A. E. Mackay and A. N. Other.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

WAHOOS OUT OF RUNNING

By "Grandstand"

IN A GAME FEATURED BY EXPLOSIVE MOMENTS, WAHOOS DROPPED OUT OF THE RUNNING IN THE GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE IN THE HOME STRETCH WHEN THEY WERE DOWNED BY THE CANADIAN CHINESE BY 8-6.

For some reason or other, two of the three umpires appointed by the League failed to make an appearance, with the result that arbitrators had to be picked from the spectators, and these umpires did not always agree.

Both Canuckette hurler Mary Ng and Wahoo twirler Therese Noronha chucked steady ball, the former fanning six and walking four, whilst the latter whiffed three and passed two. Each pitcher conceded five safeties, but Therese was unfortunate in that three of them were bunched up in the third for a Maple Leaf five-run uprising.

Although all the Wahoo infielders, with the exception of hand-sitcher Jackie Anderson, were responsible for errors, outfielder Jeanette Yelle, Beebun Abbas and super-rookie Colette Yelle all brought off fine catches, the latter earning a permanent berth in the right garden when she shoe-strung one after running all the way in from deep right.

Wahoos Lose Toss

The Green-shirts lost the toss, and went in to bat first. Lead-off batter Yvonne Yelle singled and batted second, but Irene Castilho, Jackie Anderson and Terry Noronha all failed to come thru with the necessary hit for a score and she died on third.

The second stanza also produced no runs. After retiring the Maple Leafs in one, two, three order for the first two frames, hurler Therese Noronha suffered a lapse, and allowed three safeties, which included Rene Yuen's timely double with the sacks soured, and Ulian Khoo's homer with one aboard, for the Canuckettes to chalk up a five-run start.

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

The only match that might prove of interest in Junior Division of the Badminton League is the Kowloon Tong-K.C.C. fixture at Kowloon Tong.

Kowloon Tong are not likely to win but they will have out a stronger team than in their previous two matches. Frank Kwok, after a long absence, returns to partner Richard Lee, while Lo and Joe Tsang will again be turning out, giving the suburbanites two quite-useful pairs.

Third pair will probably be weak and this should enable K.C.C. to retain their unbeaten record.

St. John's, for their match against Police, will be without Peter Wilson, whose place will be taken by A. May, who is reputed to be useful. They should not have much trouble in winning, however, as Eardley will be playing and this player in partnership with David Kwok, is certain to win three games.

LEAGUE BADMINTON TABLES TO DATE

	Games	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	5	1	4	32	13	8	
Chung Wah	5	1	4	32	13	8	
Recreio	4	2	2	18	18	4	
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	26	2	
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	29	0	

	Games	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	5	0	5	31	14	10	
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6	
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	20	25	4	
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21	4	
Police	5	5	0	8	37	0	

Fighting back, the Owls tallied once in each of the fourth and fifth, but the Canadians piled up three more on two bobbles and a single in the sixth.

Coming up for their last time, Lila Anderson pinch-hitting for Beebun Abbas, swung at three fading ones for the first enroute.

Undaunted the Wahoos staged a late rally, but was only able to garner four markers, which included Jackie Anderson's four-master.

In sliding home Jackie suffered a sprain to her left arm which will put her out of action for a couple of weeks.

Best stickwork performance goes to Jackie Anderson for her double and homer in four trips, whilst Ulian Khoo also clouted a four-bagger for the Maple Leafs.

In the Wildcats-Little Flowers merry-go-round, the Florinhas were slaughtered by 20-2, Wildcat hurler Thelma Collaco chucked her second no-hitter of the season.

GRAPHIC GOLF



GAINING GOOD WRIST ACTION

Hand and wrist action is largely responsible for the slightly built fellow's ability to keep fairly close to a more husky adversary off the tee. Indeed, it is nothing uncommon to see a husky hombre outdriven by someone only half his size. The former player, in such instances, generally lacks the whip lash action that is so essential in speeding up the club as it travels in the impact stage. His hands as far as contributing to clubhead speed are dead.

To make full use of the hand and wrists, provided the golfer is not naturally endowed with this virtue, requires practice. The golfer must make his muscles here aware of the job they have to perform. For instance, instead of making a full swing with a mid-iron or heavier iron, let the golfer confine himself to a medium stroke; but cock his wrists to full measure. Swinging down from this position the player can generate surprising speed and power. Practiced during the winter it will keep the wrists and hands surprisingly supple. Next Article:—Markings On Irons.

EASTERN EASILY BEAT MACAO

Cordova, Airoso Best Of Visitors

By "Referee"

EASTERN HAD LITTLE difficulty in beating Macao Football Association by 3 goals to 1 at Caroline Hill yesterday and had their forwards been steadier in front of goal they would have won by a bigger margin.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton League pairings

"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (University "A")	9	0	9
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
C. Au and F. Kih (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	9	5	4
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	9	6	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	4	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplanan and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	9	7	2
A. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	9	7	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplanan (University "B")	3	3	0
H. Koh and F. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	15	1	14
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	15	2	13
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	12	0	12
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	9	0	9
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	12	5	7
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	15	8	7
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-John (V.R.C.)	9	3	6
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	9	3	6
Peter Lo and J. Taang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	9	4	5
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	12	7	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	8	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	3
E. Zimmermann and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
J. Ogden and M. Tolan (J.P.C.)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. P. Lee (Chung Wah)	3	1	2

Macao were obliged to reshuffle their team, as Collaco their captain and pivot was not able to make the trip at the last moment for family reasons and Airoso, the Interport hockey player, had to take up his position thus weakening the visitors' forward line considerably.

Macao had several good players on view but the whole team was too prone to keep the ball in the air and this often enabled the Eastern defence to get into position while a ground pass would have been to better advantage.

The out landing players in the visiting team were Cordova at left back, Airoso the pivot and Ip Pou-to on the left wing. Carvalho brought off several good saves during the game and played safe handling but he was badly at fault with the first goal against him while he was taken unawares with the second.

Cordova Safe

Cordova was a safe defender and he was instrumental in breaking up many dangerous moves. Airoso, in the pivotal position, had his work cut out watching Hui and Chang Kan-hoi and could not find much assistance to his forwards.

Souza and Magalhaes worked hard as wing halves but found the opposing wingers hard to mark. Eastern were not at full strength and for the first quarter of an hour were fully extended. It was not until late in the first half that they were able to settle down to their usual play.

Hsu King-seng in the pivotal position, was the outstanding player. Besides keeping his forwards well supplied with passes he kept Carvalho occupied with long shots.

CHESS

ZIMMERN BEATEN

C. M. Sequeira beat E. Zimmermann, runner-up in the Colony Tournament last year, to score his second win in three games in this year's Colony Chess Championship.

The game was played last night at the Peninsula Hotel. Zimmermann resigned after about 20 moves.

K. Weiss won his first game in three when he beat D. E. de Carvalho in another Championship match.

The game lasted 70 moves and took only 1 hour and 50 minutes.

In the Colony Open Junior Tournament, Un Kwai-yung beat A. Kurrik.

In a Club Junior Championship match, A. C. Poupard beat F. A. Fabel.

S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	9	7	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. de Arculfi and S. A. Rum-John (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Tolan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and V. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. F. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. Ramier and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Pollak and M. Tolan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and J. Ogden (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
J. Macdonald and H. Ding-sdale (Police)	3	2	1
(J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Godkin and S. Ramier (J.R.C.)	3	2	1



Hau Ching-to and Hui were the best of the forwards though the former was often caught off sides, and was inclined to hang on to the ball too long.

Macao Score First

Macao opened the scoring in the first half when Ip Pou-to sent in a centre which Lau Hin-hoi fumbled for Guerreiro to follow up and net. This lead was short-lived, Carvalho badly misjudged a high shot from Fung Tsap-pan and shortly after Hsu King-seng scored with a right foot drive into the corner of the net.

Hau Ching-to scored Eastern's third goal in the second half. Macao, who will be re-inforced by Costa and Collaco, meet South China at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m. to-day.

MACAO: — Carvalho; Cordova, Chifu; Sousa, Airoso, Magalhaes; Chong Han-kwong, T. Badarraco, Queiroza (Capt.), Lau Chung-kwan and Ip Pou-to.

EASTERN: — Lau Hin-hoi; Ng Kee-cheung, S. Y. Yen; Qui Wing-fok, Hui King-seng, Lo Wai-ming; Fu Tsuk-ping, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

SERVICES' INCONSIDERATION

INSTEAD OF LEADING to a closer and more harmonious understanding between the Service sport chiefs and what is left of the civilian side of football, the recent conference called by the Army Sports Control Board has only deepened the feeling that they are indifferent to the fate of the clubs, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

The principal concern of that conference seems to have been to broadcast an appeal for more sport equipment for the Army.

I wrote at the time that a great opportunity for mutual help was being missed—and I mean mutual. I guess Mr. Bevin knows the importance of avoiding a civilian sport close-down.

Does Colonel Hartley and his Board realise that the men of the Civil Defence, the munition workers, and the hundreds of thousands of others who, if they wear no uniform are as surely in the fighting line, are just as much in need of sporting relaxation as is the soldier? Indeed, I would say in more need.

There is not the slightest reason for a clash of interests between Service and club sport. There was none last football season and very little in the early part of this.

Managers' Nightmare

But club managers are now bitterly complaining that team-building has become a nightmare task by the increase in the number of R.A.F. and Army teams for friendly and, presumably, unofficial matches each Saturday.

NEUSEL KNOCKS OUT HEUSER

WALTER NEUSEL technically knocked out Adolf Heuser in the tenth round recently at the Deutschlindhalle in Berlin in the final elimination bout for the right to meet Heinz Lazek this summer for the German heavyweight championship.

Max Schmeling, former world champion and who now ranks as the European, rather than the German, titleholder, made his first public appearance in months when he was introduced to cheering crowds prior to the bout.

Schmeling was in mufti and was accompanied by a score of comrades in special parachuters' uniforms. They had obtained special leave and had flown down from their training station especially for the fight at which they were guests of honour.

Schmeling told the press that he did not know when he would fight again, but said he believed he might meet the winner of the Neusel-Lazek fight. He added that he did not have any definite plans for the future nor could he say if he would have a return bout with his conqueror, Joe Louis, whom he characterised as the "best of them all."

The former world champion in 1939 knocked out Heuser in the first round, although earlier Heuser had knocked out Lazek in the fifth round.—United Press.

MCLELLAN'S FINE FORM

Hong Kong Hockey Club met their first defeat in the Quadrangular Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo when they went down to the British Army by the odd goal in three. All the goals were scored in the first period.

Benwell played well between the sticks for the Club, saving several hard shots and Bond in front of him was safe.

McLellan was the best player on view. He played a good game at left-half for Club and kept Homberg, the former Colony Interporter, who was on the right-wing, in very close check throughout the game. Reed was good in the pivotal position.

Guest and Fowler were two prominent forwards for the Club. Anderson was very sound in the defence for Army breaking up most of the Club attacks, while Croston was very steady in the pivotal position.

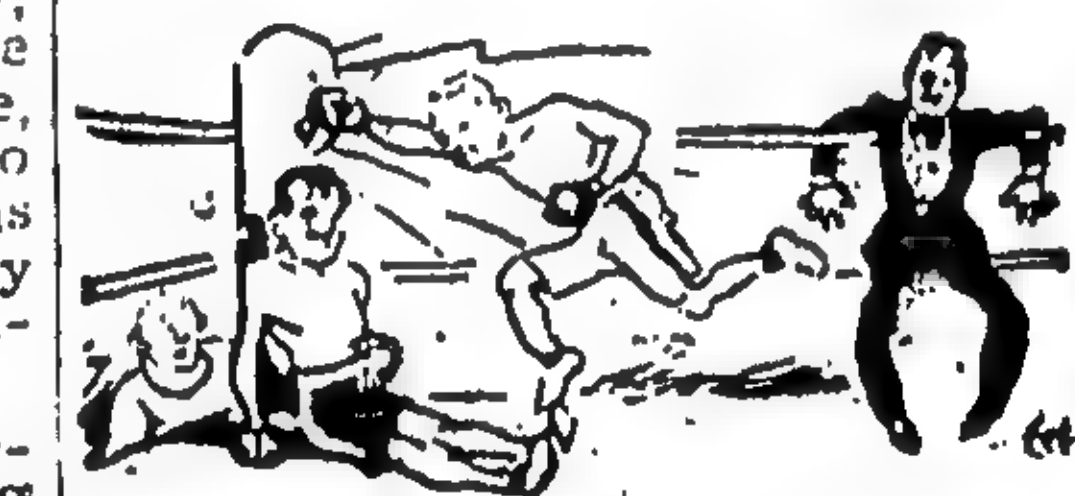
The soldiers' attack was best served by Hitchcock, who showed good stick-work and combination with his inside men.

Guest scored the first goal for the Club after 15 minutes of play from a pass from T. Whitely, Hitchcock equalising for the soldiers about five minutes later from a pass from Homberg.

Just before the end of the first half, Army were awarded a short-corner and Hitchcock netted.

British Army:—Dove (Signals); Neve (R.S.) and Anderson; Jordan (R.S.), Croston (R.E.) and Alsey (R.S.); Singleton (R.E.), Marshall (R.A.), Hitchcock (R.S.), Shaw (R.E.) and Homberg (R.E.) Club:—

Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves; D. McLellan, W. A. Reed and N. B. M. Whittley; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whittley, A. E. P. Guest, E. Fowler and R. Soares.



TO-DAY'S BOXING

The Army Novices Boxing Championship take place this evening at Shamshulpo barracks commencing at 8.30 p.m. when Royal Artillery meet Middlesex. The winning team will meet Royal Scots (champions), to-morrow.

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AXIS SOLIDARITY IN WASHINGTON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An official demonstration of Axis solidarity occurred yesterday on the arrival at Washington of the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, when the German Charge d'Affaires and the Italian Minister were on the station to receive him.

The Chief of Protocol of the State Department was also present. — International News Service.

PUNJAB DELIGHTED BY BENGHAZI

The Punjab Assembly at Lahore has passed a resolution to send warmest congratulations to General Wavell and the Army of the Nile and the sister services on the magnificent victory achieved at Benghazi.

The resolution reiterated the assurance that the Punjab "will continue to give her best men and material for the achievement of final victory." — Reuter.

Positions Taken At Point Of Bayonet

AS IN THE WESTERN Desert, Indian troops — infantry, sappers, mechanised units and cavalry — are greatly distinguishing themselves in operations in Eritrea where they are very much at home in terrain resembling that of the North-West Frontier of India.

Scaling heights held by the Italians, they have repeatedly captured positions at the point of the bayonet and immediately charged down the mountainside.

In one battle, that which resulted in the occupation of Barentu, Punjab, Garhwal, Baluch and Frontier Force regiments fought throughout the attack.

The actual seizing of Barentu was effected after a five-day battle fought by an Indian Brigade through a narrow gorge and a 10-day battle fought along the Aico-to-Barentu Road by another Indian Brigade.

50-Mile Advance

Meantime, South African troops have penetrated 50 miles into Abyssinia.

Thus, while the battle for Keren in Eritrea is still proceeding, a new threat to Addis Ababa is foreshadowed by latest information which reached Cairo yesterday afternoon.

This deep penetration into enemy occupied territory has taken place east of Lake Rudolf and

the South Africans are pressing on along a ridge and valley running north-eastwards to the Abyssinian capital and the Red Sea.

South African Dash

South African troops played a prominent part in the capture of Hobok, on the south Abyssinian border, according to details of the operations just received.

With British forces, the South Africans left Dukana and camped on the border. Later they pushed on through dense bush over a distance of 18 miles towards their objective.

A brigadier, referring to this advance, said that he did not think that the history of motorised forces could show a similar feat considering the type of bush encountered. — Reuter.

Mahratta Elan

The leading part played by Mahratta troops in the North African operations which led to the penetration into Abyssinia from the Gallabat-Metemma zone in the Sudan, is described in fuller accounts now available, which speak of the numerous actions by the Mahratta frontier force and British troops.

A typical example mentioned was a raid carried out on January 12, when a Mahratta company, supported by an artillery barrage, made a dashing attack in the Metemma area.

Shouting their battle-cry, "Shivaji Maharaj Ki Jai" these stocky men of Western India flung themselves against the enemy under cover of darkness and did heavy damage. — Reuter.

EXPANDING ARMS OUTPUT IN INDIA

The largest of its type in India when erected, a 200-ton gun-forging press has been received for a factory in India. Several important items of the plant required for the expansion of ordnance factories have also arrived. — Reuter.

CALCUTTA VICTORY HOLIDAY

In celebration of the fall of Benghazi, schools and colleges in Calcutta will take a holiday today. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

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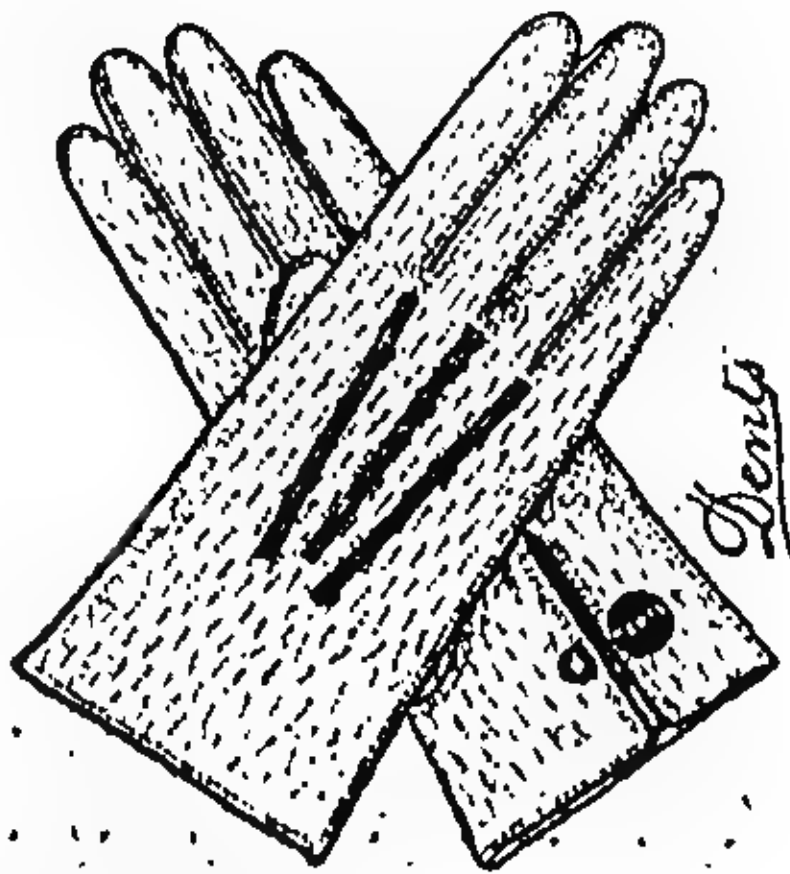
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Rome Fascist Group
Wants Peace

At a meeting in Rome on January 15, dissident Fascists decided to send Count Grandi to England to sue for peace, according to a "reliable report," broadcast by the Athens Radio last night.

But the meeting was denounced by the Police, who made many arrests, adds the report. Participants were court martialled and heavily punished. — Reuter.

SIX HOUR
RAID ON
HANOVER

A heavy, concentrated and very successful attack on Hanover and other targets in North-West Germany and occupied territory is described in an Air Ministry communique.

"A very heavy attack was made last (Monday) night on the industrial area of Hanover by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Of the force employed in this operation, more than 90 per cent. reached their objectives.

The attack, which lasted for six hours, was carried out in weather poor at first but steadily improving as the night advanced.

In the opening stages, fires were started in the north, south and west of the target area.

These showed later arrivals where to drop their heavy calibre high-explosive bombs.

By the time the last of our aircraft left, fires too numerous to be counted were raging throughout the bombed area.

Another, smaller, force attacked the oil installations and docks at Rotterdam. Large fires and explosions were caused.

Several other targets in Germany and aerodromes in Holland were also visited.

In addition, aircraft of the same command successfully attacked Boulogne harbour, which had been previously bombed in daylight. Aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed Cherbourg and Ostend, where large fires broke out.

From all these operations four of our aircraft are missing. — British Wireless.

CALCUTTA VICTORY
HOLIDAY

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Hitler
Bait To
Japan

Reuter learns in well-informed circles that London is closely watching the strenuous efforts which Hitler is making to bring Japan into the war in order to relieve the pressure on himself, as a result of Italy's collapse.

The German game is that, simultaneously with the Spring "Blitz" against Britain, Japan should attack the Dutch East Indies and Malaya with a view to diverting the British Fleet and resources.

As an inducement to Japan to pull chestnuts out of the fire for Germany, Hitler is believed to have promised Tokyo that he can persuade Moscow to conclude a non-aggression pact with Japan in order to relieve the latter's fears for the rear when action in Southern waters begins.

While the small extreme Japanese pro-Axis faction would doubtless support Hitler, it is believed in London there is increasing opposition among the best elements in Japan to further perilous adventures on behalf of the Nazis who would be quite indifferent to what happened to Japan so long as their own object was secured. — Reuter.

NAVY BOMBARDS
OSTEND

A MESSAGE FROM LONDON states that the German-occupied port of Ostend was bombarded by units of the Royal Navy during the early hours of yesterday morning.

An Admiralty communique giving this news adds "our salvos fell on the harbour works and many fires were observed. No casualties or damage were sustained by our forces." — Reuter.

Anxiety Growing
In Bucharest

SIR REGINALD HOARE, BRITISH MINISTER IN BUCHAREST, AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGATION AND CONSULAR STAFFS, ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE RUMANIA BY SPECIAL STEAMER ON SATURDAY.

It is understood that the personnel of certain allied missions will leave with them, the party consisting of about 50 British civilians.

Reports that the Turkish and Greek Legations are also preparing to leave are denied.

The rupture of diplomatic relations with Great Britain has not been mentioned either in the Rumanian press or on the wireless, but the news has spread among the public, and, following rapidly the instructions to observe a general black-out, has induced an atmosphere of tension and anxiety.

As General Antonescu was indisposed on Monday, Sir Reginald Hoare handed the Note announcing Britain's decision, to M. Cristescu, a high official at the Foreign Office.

Advice In Sofia

GREEK WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE GREEK LEGATION IN SOFIA TO RETURN TO GREECE, STATES A SOFIA DESPATCH TO THE OFFICIAL FRENCH NEWS AGENCY IN VICHY.

THE ADVICE IS GIVEN AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST EVENTUAL COMPLICATIONS IN THE BALKAN SITUATION. — REUTER.

Rumanian Envoy
Asks For Passports

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that the Rumanian Legation in London has now received instructions to ask for its passports. The Rumanian Charge d'Affaires called yesterday afternoon at the Foreign Office to make a formal application.

Nothing definite has yet been arranged with regard to the Rumanian Mission's departure. — Reuter.

Black-Out Warning

A Bucharest despatch to the newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" states that black-out has been ordered in all big towns in Rumania and also in the oil-fields. — Reuter.

More than 30 Junkers and 52 troop-carrying planes flew over Budapest at midday yesterday in the direction of the Rumanian frontier.

Telephone communication with Rumania is cut off. — Reuter.

FRANCO
MAY SEE
PETAIN

According to reliable reports reaching London, General Franco, and his Foreign Minister, Senor Sener, have left Madrid for France en route for Italy, where, it is stated, they will meet Mussolini.

It is also reported to be possible that they will have an opportunity of talking with Marshal Petain, who has left Vichy for Villeneuve Loubet, near Cannes, for a few days' rest. — British Wireless.

BALKAN
TRAIN
SMASH

Eight people were killed and many injured when a train, including forty oil tanks and cars destined for Germany, was derailed at midnight near the Bulgarian frontier station of Dragoman, about half a mile from the Yugoslav frontier.

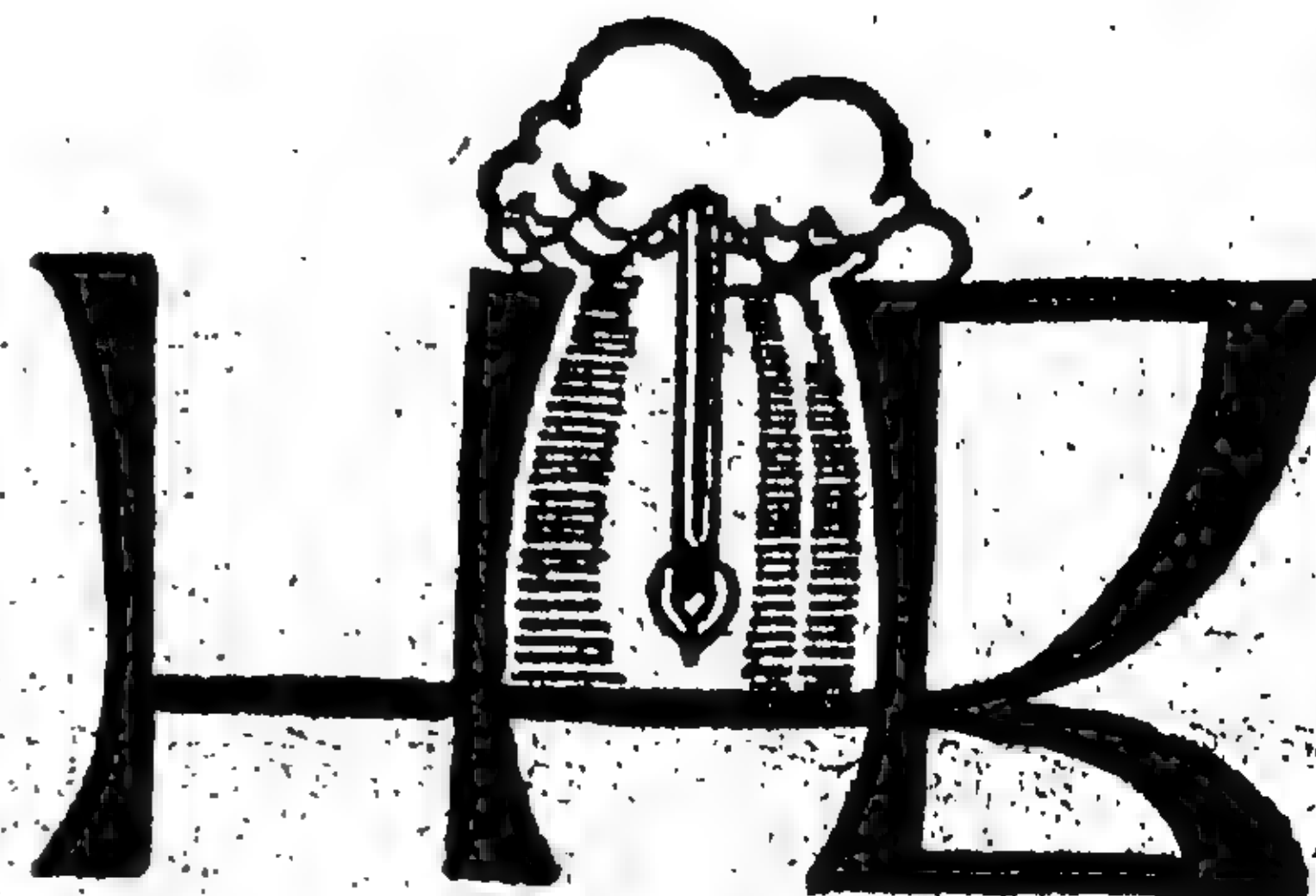
An authoritative Bulgarian statement says that the train was taking a gradient at too high a speed.

Fires broke out causing heavy damage both to the train and the line, a large section of which was destroyed. Traffic is temporarily suspended. — Reuter.

INDIA'S BUDGET

The Budget Session of the Central Assembly opened yesterday in New Delhi. — Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S GREATEST NEEDS

Willkie's Evidence On Aid Britain Legislation

Destroyers First: Calls For All Out Assistance

"BRITAIN REQUIRES BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE AND THE ONLY WAY THE UNITED STATES COULD HELP BRITAIN QUICKLY WAS TO ENACT THE AID TO BRITAIN BILL 'WITH MODIFICATION'", DECLARED MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, GIVING EVIDENCE YESTERDAY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

JOINT DEFENCE OF CANADA AND UNITED STATES

Complete plans now exist for the joint defence of the United States and Canada.

This was told to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate by Mayor La Guardia, Chairman of the American members of the United States-Canada Defence Board—Reuter.

MASCOT IS A "SAINT"

Every time he heard an aeroplane engine, a curly-headed little boy would rush out of the house to watch it. "Gosh, mum, I wish I was up there," he would say.

That was eleven years ago. Now, twenty-one-year-old Sergeant Pilot Harry Jensen Morson has been awarded the D.F.M. He gives the credit to a "saint" mascot on his plane.

On his way back from Berlin the plane was hit by A.A. guns and set on fire. The young pilot struggled on with his burning plane till he was forced into the sea, but the crew was saved by the Navy after hours in the icy water.

Did Not Tell

"He won't say a word about it," his mother told a reporter at her West Hartlepool home.

"Harry reads a lot of strange books, and has a mascot on his plane of a saint carrying a bomb."

"This was his thirteenth visit to Germany. Before he set off, his pals jokingly asked him if he was superstitious. He said, 'No,' but now he swears that all the credit for having got back alive was due to his 'saint' and the wireless operator who sent out the S O S signals."

"Harry has always been crazy about flying," she said. "He was in the R.A.F.V.R. and has been flying since the start of the war."

"We are very proud, of course. Harry is the baby of the family, and has eight brothers and sisters."

As an example of immediate aid, Mr. Willkie said that the United States should provide Britain with from five to ten destroyers monthly.

"We should be able to do this directly and swiftly, rather than through the rigmarole of dubious legalistic interpretations."

"Incidentally, if we are to make more destroyers available to Britain we should re-condition them in this country in our own yards."

Mr. Willkie advocated that the proposed aid should be limited to the British Commonwealth, China and Greece.

He gave it as his belief that the policy of isolation would eventually destroy civil liberties in the United States and cause an economic upheaval.

Britain, added Mr. Willkie, would require some time, even with American planes, to obtain superiority in the air.

Not Enough

Mr. Willkie, continuing his testimony, said that in spite of the fifty destroyers already handed over, Britain still needed more.

"Merchant ships are making the crossing of the Atlantic without nearly enough protection. In some cases thirty or forty ships may be protected by only a couple of destroyers," said Mr. Willkie.

Mr. Willkie referred to aid to Britain as meaning, "not to work for Britain, but to work with Britain, to defend the area of freedom. If Britain prevails, the enslaved democracies will survive."

He added that Britain's long-term requirements, such as planes and munitions, were already largely on order in the United States.

America's Effort

"We are building them as fast as we can, but it will be many months before our efforts begin to show significant results. Our aeroplane programme, for instance, will not begin to give Britain supremacy until 1942."

"Britain's greatest hazard is the destruction of her shipping."

Telling of what he had seen during his visit to Britain, Mr. Willkie referred to "the piteous and heart-rending" destruction of the northern industrial towns. The damage to productive facilities was, however, small.

If the United States isolates herself, he said, Britain may have the greatest difficulty in surviving.

No man can say this time whether or not Britain can win the war without assistance in supplies, ships and armaments, but we do know that if she is defeated the totalitarian powers will control the world.

They will control not only Europe, but probably most of Africa. They may also control the Atlantic Ocean. Germany would then probably drive either economically or militarily towards Latin America.

U.S. Prospect

Perhaps Japan would also drive Southwards to the East Indies.

Then the United States and Canada would be surrounded by totalitarian powers.

They would so cripple, hinder and strangle upon us that we would be forced to fight. We would be fighting alone in the same war which Britain is now fighting.

Mr. Willkie declared: "For what it may be worth, my belief is that Germany cannot successfully invade Britain. If her Northern ports can be kept open, supply lines can be kept moving."

"I feel confident that Britain will survive the shock of the Spring and Summer campaigns."

"That is also the belief in high quarters in Britain and if Britain can stand through the Summer, the tide will turn."

"Reinforced by our gigantic resources, Britain may be able to achieve that effectiveness which the democratic peoples have temporarily lost."

Time Limit

"Britain may go down if United States' aid is ineffective," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, who approved of a time limit on the presidential powers imposed by the House of Representatives' amendment.

All modifications, in Mr. Willkie's opinion, should seek to limit the granting of any unnecessary authority by the Bill.

Mr. Willkie added impressively: "I've wanted to see Americans stand united before all the world as a friend of all who fought for democracy; a deposer of all aggressors and despoilers of the democratic way."

For unity's sake, Mr. Willkie urged even opponents of the Bill to approve of it.

This, with the approval of the millions of Americans they represented, would give the nation "the strength of a united people—a strength greater than that of armaments and battleships."

Britain's Greatest Needs

Mr. Wendell Willkie expressed the opinion, in reply to a question, that if England fell to-morrow and Germany got the Royal Navy, the United States would be in the war in a month or two.

Mr. Willkie quoted Mr. Winston Churchill as saying that Britain's greatest needs were destroyers, big bombers and merchantmen—Reuter.



The Commander-in-Chief of the South African Forces, General J. C. Smuts, recently watched a demonstration at an engineer's camp in the Transvaal. He saw the rapid launching of a small box girder bridge and inspected the largest mechanical transport suspension bridge ever built by the South African Engineering Corps while in training. This photograph shows (left to right) The Prime Minister, General J. C. Smuts, Captain E. T. Dobson, O.C. of the Engineers, and Lieut.-General Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, Chief of General Staff. (Copyright, Fox).

TO PROVE WAR IS ALREADY WON

A BIG PROPAGANDA campaign to persuade Germans that the war is as good as won has been launched. Among the most notable Nazi speakers was Ley, leader of the Labour Front, who said at Dresden that by 1948 the 300-year-old Treaty of Westphalia would be liquidated and a new holy German empire would arise.

CURRENCY BATTLE

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Wardlaw Milne invited a statement on the implications to trade of the four conflicting currencies in Shanghai and the Yangtze basin.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that it was too early to forecast the effect which the Nanking Reserve Bank bank-notes will have on trade but that every attempt to supplant the Chinese National currency in China cannot but do further harm to the interests of all countries concerned in trading with China.—Reuter.

INDO-CEYLON DIFFERENCES

Fundamental differences on the question of the status of Indian residents in Ceylon led to the failure of the Indo-Ceylon Exploratory Conference last November, explains an official New Delhi communique.

Informed circles believe that the failure is not regarded by either side as final, but events in the near future may make fresh approaches for reconciliation of outstanding differences feasible.—Reuter.

JAPANESE PLANES OVER BORDER?

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One of the machines appeared to be out of order. Both planes came from the north-east and flew west of Shumchun, presumably to land at the recently completed landing field between Nam-tau and Shumchun.

Fate, which had taught England to be blind, had taught Germany the power which was a necessary attribute for the shaping of destiny. Germany was pre-ordained to create a new European order after victory.

Reports cabled from Berlin to neutral newspapers state that Germany is building factories intended after the war to replace ruined British works, especially those devoted to textiles. Thus, it is explained, the foundations of the new Europe are being laid.

These factories, it is alleged, are gigantic and modern, and are situated mostly in the protectorates. Immediately after the war they will take up manufactures which crippled Britain is unable to undertake.

German newspapers abound with other plans for the future, and the impression is always given that the work has already begun.

Readers perusing these promising schemes search vainly for news of the war in Albania. Instead, they can read about the new Siegfried Line on the Channel coast, which is claimed to have an offensive as well as a defensive character.

Ten thousand workmen with dredgers were set to work immediately the Armistice with France was signed. The new line is a chain of forts, batteries, and anti-aircraft guns.

While the Germans are trying to disseminate the impression that victory is so easy and certain that even now they are devoting time, money, and manpower to laying the foundations of the new Europe, Giovanni Ansaldo, speaking in Berlin on Italy's war against Britain at the Foreign Press Club, expressed the opinion that the war would possibly, even probably, be a long one.

CHAMBER SEEKS FIXING OF PRICES

At a meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce last night, it was decided to request Government, through the offices of the Chinese members of the Legislative Council, to fix the price of firewood as soon as possible.

Steady Flow Of American Fighter 'Planes To Britain

SHOW UP EXCELLENTLY UNDER TEST

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent, Somewhere In England)

AMERICA'S AIRCRAFT AID TO BRITAIN, CLOSELY KEPT SECRET IN 1940, CAN NOW BE TRACED MORE CLEARLY FROM FACTORIES TO R.A.F. AERODROMES.

The journey's end for war-planes which come across the Atlantic by ship is the Ministry of Aircraft Production station here, while fitters are speeding up the assembly in bomb-proof sheds.

An official confirmed that the flow of these fighters and medium bombers which are not ranged to cross the Atlantic under their own power which was once only a trickle was now a steady flow.

The fighter crates are of two sizes. One contains fuselage under-carriage and engine all in one piece—the other holds the wing assembly.

A forty-minute test flight proves the airworthiness of the plane and after the armament test, it is ready for operational use.

400 Flown Over

Long-range bombers are ferried across the Atlantic by air and while the rate at which any of the aircraft from across the Atlantic is going into service is not revealed, it was recently reported from New York that four-hundred American bombers had been flown across without mishap.

Here I have seen the two famous Curtiss-Wright single-engine fighters—Tomahawk P40 and Mohawk I—shed of their wrappings and assembled.

Many have been sent to squadrons. Equipped as multi-gun aircraft with plenty of kick, the faster of the two—Tomahawk—has been credited in America with speed of over four-hundred miles per hour.

This is probably on the high side but in the first mock combat between American and British fighter planes which I witnessed, the Tomahawk was faster on the level than its rival, a Hawker Hurricane Mark I, which was the chief killer of Goering's Heinkels and Junkers in 1940.

It also climbed more rapidly. I have also inspected, out in the open, two first-rate American types of shore-based naval craft.

To Protect Shores

They were the Grumman Martlet and the Brewster Buffalo. Possessing a high rate of climb and good ceiling they, with others I have mentioned, will play a big part in the protection of Britain's shores this year.

Another aircraft on view was the Douglas-Boston, a fighter-bomber which an R.A.F. officer who has flown it describes as "more manoeuvrable and lighter on the controls; faster and better on the climb" than the Bristol Blenheim 4.

It resembles a British plane except that it has a tricycle under-carriage—the first R.A.F. plane to be so fitted.

This was the only strictly offensive American plane at this unit, but the types inspected are but a few from a range of over thirty United States types available to Britain which will prove of great value in strengthening the R.A.F. front line at a critical stage of the war.—Reuter.

Reliefs for London Staffs.—Hundreds of members of Ministry of Labour staffs in "quiet areas" have volunteered to go to London to relieve their colleagues there, and plans are being made for clerks from these areas to spend one or two months in London.

KOUFRA OASIS BATTLE

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, broadcasting in French last night, said: "The intrigues, disputes and changes at Vichy have their terrible consequences because the enemy has had a part in them."

"That is more harmful than the equivocation and obedience in Vichy which keeps the French Mediterranean forces away from any action in the full battle of the Mediterranean."

"That is why the Free French are at present redoubling their efforts in order to make up as far as possible for the deficiency on the part of France to help bring about the victory."

"At this very moment, our troops supported by our air force, are victoriously engaged in the battle in the area of Koufra Oasis in Italian Libya, 600 miles from the frontier of Chad from where they had set out." — Reuter.

CHUNGKING SECRET PLANS REPORTS

PLANS FOR AN IMMINENT JAPANESE MOVE IN HER SOUTHWARD EXPANSION PROGRAMME ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO A REPORT GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE CHINESE NEWSPAPERS IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY.

The plans are said to have been revealed as a result of a careful study by the Chinese High Command of papers and documents recovered from the wreckage of the Japanese aeroplane shot down on February 5, when Admiral Osumi, member of the Japanese Supreme War Council, was killed in the crash with eight others.

Admiral Osumi at the time was proceeding to Hainan Island to assume the post of Commander-in-Chief of the combined Japanese fleet in the South Seas.

Chinese military authorities refuse to divulge details of the documents which have been brought to Chungking for examination by experts.—Reuter.



These girls employed in a big electrical works manufacturing vital parts for bombers, work through all alarms wearing fibre helmets which have been issued to them, until the spotter gives the 'take-cover' signal, when they go to shelters which have been provided within a second's reach of the work benches. Photo shows the girls at work beside the brick and concrete internal shelters. (Copyright, Fox).

Marion Held By Japanese

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED IN SHANGHAI LAST NIGHT THAT THE PANAMA VESSEL "MARION," WHICH DISAPPEARED SOME WEEKS AGO WHILE ON ITS WAY FROM SHANGHAI TO HONG KONG, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE NAVY.

The ship is now at Swatow and may be taken to Formosa in the near future.

Another Panama ship of which nothing has been heard following its departure from Shanghai is the s.s. Anchow. — Our Own Correspondent.

CHINA CLIPPER DELAYED

The "China Clipper" which was scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong yesterday, has been waiting in Los Angeles for termination of unfavourable weather conditions existing between Los Angeles and Honolulu.

The Clipper flew from San Francisco to Los Angeles five days ago as it was anticipated that flying conditions would be more favourable from that port than from the Clipper's usual starting place in San Francisco.

The "China Clipper" departed from Los Angeles yesterday but was forced to return to Los Angeles after being in the air sixteen hours. It is now scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on Wednesday, February 19.

The "California Clipper" is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong a few days following the "China Clipper."

ADMIRAL NOMURA IN WASHINGTON

The new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, arrived in Washington yesterday and was met by officials of the State Department, the Japanese Embassy and local Japanese residents. — Reuter.

LISTLESSNESS ON STOCK MARKET

Apart from the continued firmness of Indian issues, listless conditions prevailed on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, with Balkan uncertainties stifling buying interest.

Gilt-edged securities were steady, while industrials, home-

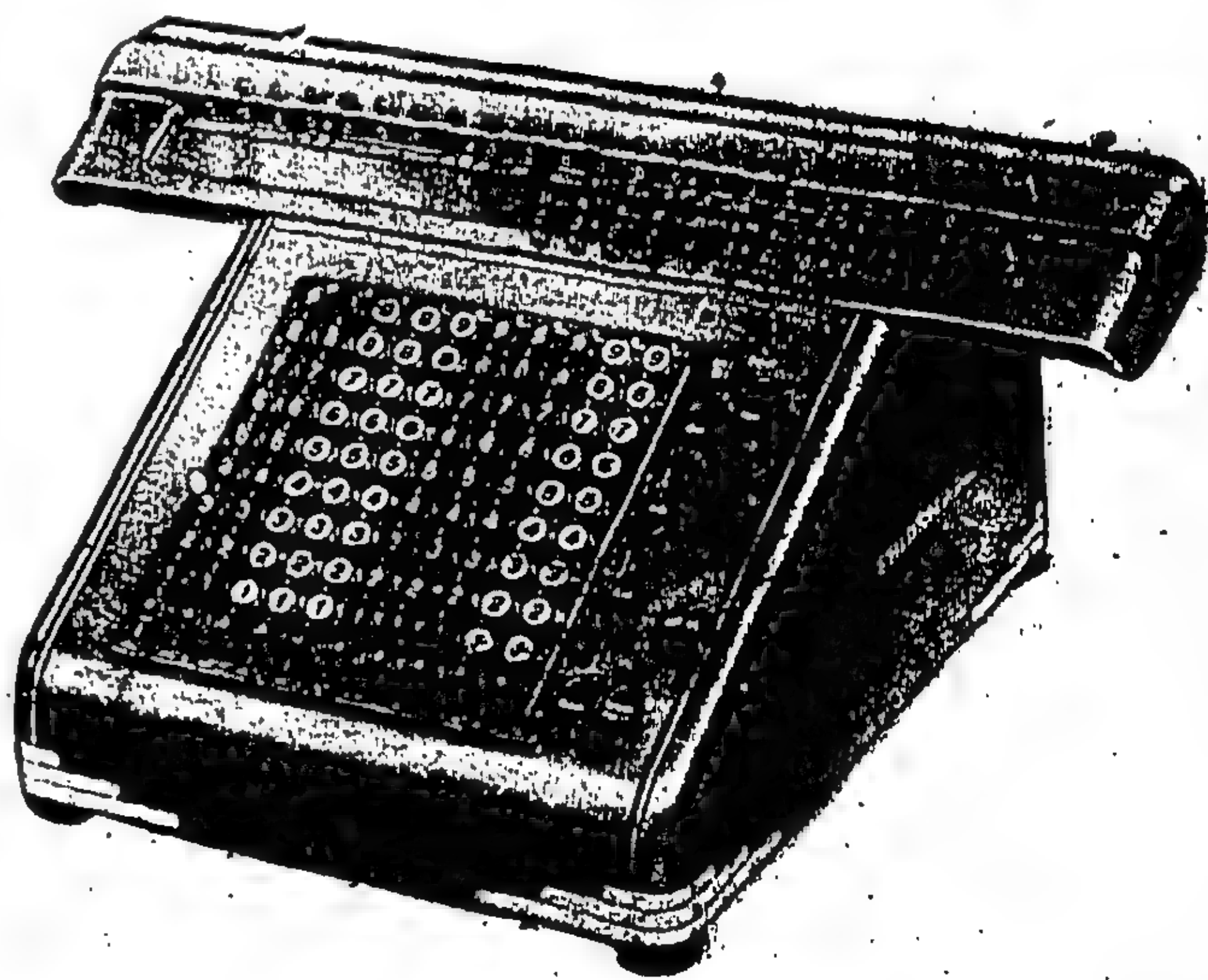
rails and oils were dull.

Among foreign Bonds, Belgian four per-cent. issues advanced from 64 to 66 which is now fifteen per-cent. above the price prevailing at the end of last year. Greek issues receded a trifle.

Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

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THE LATEST R.A.F. communique from the Middle-East Headquarters contains news of successful raids on Calato, on the island of Rhodes, Tepelini and Duki, while in Italian East Africa, the South African Air Force continues to harrass the enemy.

The communique states that during the lull in North Africa, R.A.F. activity has been continued on other fronts.

Heavy bombers again attacked Calato on the island of Rhodes on Monday and dropped several tons of bombs on the aerodrome and the dispersed aircraft around it.

Buildings and aircraft were seen on fire after the explosion of the bombs and it is confirmed that ten aircraft were destroyed, while many others were damaged.

In Albania, buildings at Tepelini and Duki were set on fire by bombs dropped by other R.A.F. bombers.

Air Battle

A large enemy formation composed of bombers and escorted by twenty fighters attempted to attack Jannina on Monday. They were intercepted by a formation of British fighters which shot down two bombers and damaged several others.

It is now confirmed, that as a result of the engagement in the Kelyre area which was announced in a communique on Monday, three further Italian aircraft were destroyed.

In Italian East Africa on Monday, a motor transport yard near the station at Asmara was attacked by British bombers. Stores in a wood near Keren were also bombed and in the same area during the previous day, bombing attacks had been made on railway tracks.

In the Kalan area, native troop concentrations were attacked by a South African Air Force squadron which dive-bombed road-bridges and the pontoon-bridge at Dolo.

The squadron then visited Lughferandi where they destroyed hangars on the aerodrome.

From all operations our aircraft returned safely.—Seuter.

SOLDIER CLEARED OF WIFE MURDER CHARGE

Ralph Gordon Barstow, a twenty-four-year-old soldier, of Pleasant Street, Preston, was acquitted at Birmingham Assizes on a charge of murdering his wife, Mary, whom he married at Gretna Green three years ago.

The couple had stayed at Birmingham the night the wife was shot and Barstow was said to have told the police he loaded his rifle to have a shot if any bombers came over. It went off as he was unloading it.

Mr. Maurice Healy, K.C., prosecuting, said Barstow's wife had fallen in love with him when she was sixteen or even less and it was a love match. When Barstow was called up last April his wife began to go to public houses and became familiar with men.

After a gun expert had said the gun might have been fired accidentally in the unloading position, Mr. Healy said it would be a great responsibility to ask a jury for a verdict of guilty.

The jury found Barstow not guilty and he was discharged.

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TURKISH MILITARY MISSION

A message from Peshawar states that three officers of the Turkish General Staff have proceeded to Kabul to take up their appointment as new members of the Turkish Military Mission which is imparting military education to Afghan youth.—Reuter.

DOORS CLOSED ON NEW MASTER

When Professor G. M. Trevelyan was installed as new master of Trinity College, Cambridge, he had the experience of seeing the door closed against him by the top hatted head porter.

It happened during the traditional ceremony of knocking on the great gate and presenting his letters patent for inspection before being admitted.

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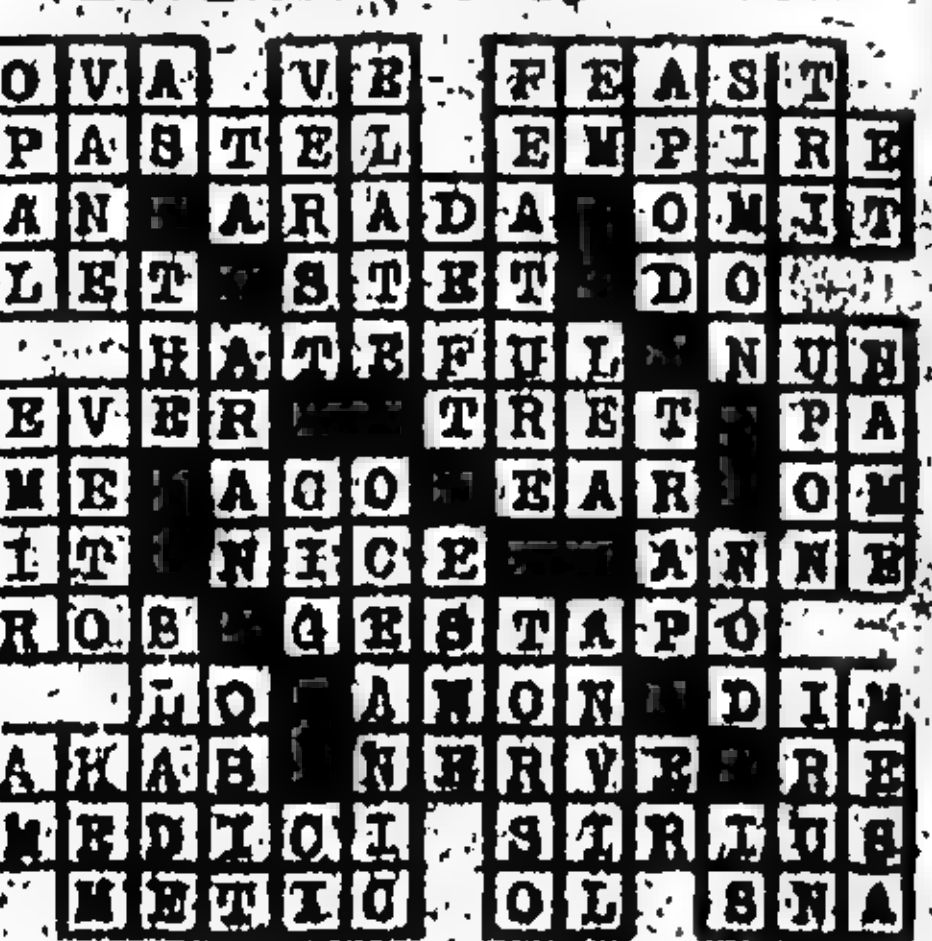
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BRITAIN'S PACT WITH SPAIN

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED in Madrid recently that a financial agreement had been signed between Great Britain and Spain.

Under it the Spanish funds frozen in London will be freed to permit a greater volume of Spanish purchases in the British sterling area.

That it has been possible to announce a preliminary financial agreement augurs well for the conclusion of a larger trade pact on which negotiations have been proceeding for some time. This progress is due largely to the personal interest taken by Gen. Franco.

He realised the importance to Spain of an adequate flow of certain essential imports through the British blockade, and promised his own intervention to smooth over any difficulties that might still arise.

No Supplies For Enemy

Britain has not wished that the blockade should increase the hardships being experienced by Spain due to serious shortages in a number of commodities. At the same time, it was necessary to ensure that the permitted imports were required for Spain and her own people, and would not be passed on to any enemy country.

Britain has been pleased to accept full Spanish assurances on this score, and the amounts envisaged have been calculated on a basis having close approximation to the known Spanish requirements.

Germany has made a desperate bid to prevent Spain from entering into this agreement with Britain. She sought to establish that Spain had nothing to fear from the British blockade, but would be able to obtain all the supplies she needed from German-occupied countries.

Purely Economic

In London it is emphasised that the agreement is surely economic. No political clauses or understandings are attached. None the less, it is obvious that Spain has concluded the agreement fully aware that the benefits would cease were she to throw in her lot with the Axis.

In recent weeks, however, Gen. Franco has given the most categorical assurances both to Britain and to the United States that in no circumstances will Spain enter the war or willingly allow it to spread to the Peninsula.

MR. KENNEDY'S DENIAL

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador in London, who had said that he was "through denying things," has decided that a denial must be made of a remark attributed to him in private conversation that England was "virtually defeated."

This decision was apparently reached because American correspondents in London had been emphasising that indignation had been caused by reports in American newspapers.

These reports were that the Ambassador assured his friends that the Allied cause was hopeless, and a peaceful settlement was highly desirable.

"I am told," said Mr. Kennedy, "there is some gossip in London to the effect that I am making anti-British statements in this country and that I am even saying I do not expect the British to win the war. This is nonsense!"

"I have never made anti-British statements or said on or off record—that I do not expect Britain to win the war. I have never made in this country any statements I did not make to four or five members of the British Cabinet before I left London."

"What I am concerned with is keeping America out of this war, but there has never been any secret about that."

LAWYER MAY BE B.B.C. CHIEF

Sir Walter Monckton, K. C., regarded in well-informed quarters as a likely successor to Mr. F. W. Ogilvie as Director-General of the B.B.C. Sir Walter is now deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Information.

As already foreshadowed a change in the direction of the B.B.C. is to be made to introduce a greater measure of Government control, especially in the field of broadcasting to foreign countries.

Sir Walter has been connected with the Ministry of Information and the Press and Censorship Bureau since early in the war. Some months ago he was given the status of a Foreign Office Under-Secretary to act as liaison officer between the Ministry of Information and the Foreign Office.

In some quarters the name of Mr. Frank Pick, the Director-General of the Ministry of Information, is canvassed as a possible choice for the B.B.C. post. He has recently completed the reorganisation of his department.

The suggestion that a Cabinet Minister will be transferred from a Whitehall department to run the B.B.C. is regarded in well-informed quarters as being entirely without foundation.

It is understood that the appointment to the B.B.C. post rests with the Prime Minister.

BURIED HIS IRON CROSS

After his Messerschmidt 109 had been shot down by R.A.F. fighters over East Kent the pilot stepped out unhurt and was seen by a civilian to bury something in the field close to his wrecked plane. The German, a warrant officer wearing the Iron Cross ribbon on his tunic, later removed from the hole an Iron Cross of the first class. It is believed that he concealed the medal to hide his identity.

"DEAD" SEAMAN WAR PRISONER

Seaman James Burnett, of the Royal Naval Reserve, who was reported killed in the Dunkirk evacuation and whose wife re-married, is now known to be a prisoner of war.

After he had been reported killed his brother, Mr. Alexander Burnett, communicated with the Naval authorities with a view to the body being taken to Aberdeen for burial. A reply was received that Seaman Burnett was buried at sea.

Recently a letter from Seaman Burnett was delivered at his home at Mansfield Place, Aberdeen. It was in his own handwriting and it stated that he was in a German prison camp and well.

Burnett, who is 58, gained the D.C.M. in the last war.

R.A.F. CREW "BACK FROM DEAD"

THE CREW OF AN R.A.F. bomber, reported "missing, feared killed," have just made their way back to their base in Greece after a journey which will make another chapter in the history of amazing escapes by men of the R.A.F.

During a raid on an Albanian port two aircraft were hit by A.A. shells, and it was reported that it was likely that one had crashed into the sea.

Nothing more was heard for two days, and the crew and aircraft were officially posted as missing. Then three weary men, a pilot, observer, and air gunner, arrived at the officers' mess of their station.

"Just as we had released our bombs we received direct hits," said the squadron leader. "One tore a large hole in the port engine cowling, but it continued to function despite the fact that oil was pouring out. The other engine was hit and stopped almost immediately."

"The aircraft was holed in many places and there was one enormous rent right through one wing, but the aircraft would still fly, though the force of the explosion had thrown it on its back."

Book Torn In Half

"Not one of us was injured though the note-book in our air-gunner's pocket was torn in half by a piece of shrapnel. The cockpit was full of petrol fumes, and I feared we should pass out. We

were a sitting bird, all right, but no one came after us."

"We flew for nearly two hours and then spotted a tiny island. I gave the chance of jumping to the crew, but they preferred to stand by me. Well, we put the aircraft down safely."

"Some peasants rushed away screaming. We put our hands up and yelled 'Inglese, Inglese.' A look of wonderment spread over one man's face and he replied with a definite American accent, 'Are youse guys English?'"

"We persuaded the villagers that we were friendly, and the owner of a fishing boat took us to the mainland. After 20 hours at sea the weather was so rough that the skipper put into a port, fortunately on the mainland. Here we were carried shoulder high round the village and kissed by men, women and children."

"Eventually, after walking, travelling by car and by train, we got back here. My crew and I are agreed we wouldn't have missed this grand tour of Greece for anything."



JAPAN'S DREAMS

Intimations that Germany is trying to use Japan as a means of intimidating the United States and that Japan is becoming increasingly disposed towards adventures to the South have been pointed by plain British warning that London is not unaware of what is going on and not likely to be caught unprepared for action to meet it.

It is a long time since such a plain statement has come from London for Japan's special benefit and Mr. Matsuoka's plea to America to "think twice" before "taking a leap" might be boomeranged with a recommendation that Japan indulge in some second thoughts.

Japan is an impressionable and imitative country. Its policies and actions reflect quickly the changes on the European and on the world political stages. After the fall of France almost everyone in Japan was convinced that Germany would win the war with little delay. There was a wild scramble to get on the Axis bandwagon, ideologically and otherwise. Political parties fell over each other in the rush for self-dissolution. Organisations which seemed out of place in a totalitarian state, Rotary Clubs, the Salvation Army, a women's suffrage association either passed out of existence or were reorganised on a strictly national basis.

The climax of this Axis orientation was the signing of the tripartite pact on September 27. But things have not gone according to Japanese calculations. England has not collapsed. The United States has not been frightened into curtailing help for England. One of the Axis powers, Italy, has taken hard knocks in Albania and has been utterly defeated in Egypt.

There is the further fact that Japan stands to lose more from a cessation of trade relations.

Japan has not enriched itself from its conquests as has Germany, which has acquired as spoils of war large quantities of oil, copper, foodstuffs and raw materials, besides shipbuilding yards, factories and mines. There are valuable mineral and agricultural resources in Japanese-occupied China, but they require for development and exploitation two conditions which Japan has not been able to fulfill: Maintenance of order in the hinterland as well as in the large towns,

Winter "Blitz" In The Balkans Unlikely

Vernon Bartlett writes in the "News Chronicle":—

We have too high an opinion of Hitler's cunning to be impressed by the many reports of German troop movements in the Balkans.

The greater the number of sources from which the news comes, the more probable it is that the Nazis are carrying out a manoeuvre in their war of nerves.

The man who can make his complicated arrangements for the invasion of Norway in such secrecy is not likely to allow his plans to be shouted from the housetops.

Winter weather will inevitably slow down the Greek advance in Albania and, in any case, the British have already been enabled by Mussolini's blunder to establish valuable island bases in the Aegean Sea.

It is therefore not clear why Hitler should attack at this moment. If he waits until spring he would benefit from his great superiority in mechanised transport and from the use of the Danube which is frozen up for winter.

If, in fact, a winter campaign is planned, the only obvious explanation of it is that either Hitler is growing short of oil or that Mussolini is unable to carry on the war without some success with which to keep his people quiet.

Growing Strength of Abyssinian Rebels

As the British victories in North Africa are consolidated, news of increased activity in Abyssinia against the Italians comes through Nairobi.

"The Times" Correspondent there gives these details: I learned to-day from most reliable sources some details of the growth and organisation of the revolt against the Italians in Southern Abyssinia. There are now many

thousands of Abyssinians actively opposing Italian Rule. The ground was prepared with care. The leaders of guerilla or Shifita bands operating since the Italian conquest have been crossing the border at the risk of their lives for several months to make contact with the British authorities who have given them all encouragement. They have recently been joined by many important and influential Abyssinians, chiefly landowners and peasants who have been dispossessed, and by an increasing number of deserters, especially Amharas, from the Italian service. In many areas the Italians are afraid to move unless with a heavily armed escort.

The insurgents are particularly successful in attacking convoys and one case is quoted in which 15 lorries were destroyed. They have recently extended their activities to assaults on Italian posts, and on one occasion returned with a large herd of cattle. Until recently the main difficulty was the ancient character of their rifles and ammunition. The only means of remedying this was raids. They brought to Kenya evidence of their success in the form of Italian officers' uniforms, band equipment and official documents. Several instances are recorded of recent large-scale encounters. On the road south from Addis Ababa Shifita ambushed two companies of colonial infantry, claiming 80 dead (including four Italians) and 60 captured with rifles. An Italian attempt to punish the elusive Shifita failed. A whole battalion was lured into a forest where 50 were killed.

A car was attacked near Javelo and three occupants killed, including Carlo Luna, Provincial Commissioner for the Maji Mega area. Shifita bands are developing a successful guerilla technique which reduces losses to a minimum. They have also been useful

in spreading information and in this connection thousands of pamphlets have been dropped by the South African Air Force. There is ample evidence that many thousands of Abyssinians, who are rapidly becoming better armed, are preparing for the day of reckoning with Italy.

Nazi Broadcaster's Warning to Vichy

The New York correspondent of "The Times" cables:—

Dispatches from Vichy indicate that there is strong German dissatisfaction with the progress of Franco-German collaboration since Laval was ousted from the Vichy Government and there is even a possibility that collaboration is about to collapse.

Laval's close friend Marcel Deat, Editor of the "L'Oeuvre" again in that newspaper berated the "men of Vichy" who he asserted were attempting under orders from Marshal Petain to provoke the Germans into violating the Hitler-Petain agreement reached at Montoire. He intimated that they had deliberately organised a scarcity of food so that one day the "bad tempers" of the people of Paris and its suburbs would "burst out" and bring about incidents that would provoke intervention by the occupying troops. That would be a fine day for the adversaries of collaboration, he declared.

The German Wireless Station at Stuttgart has warned the French people that even if the Reynauds, Daladiers and "other boasters at the Belleville prison" were punished "the French people will not thereby extinguish before history their debt" and that they could not escape their share of responsibility for the war. Nevertheless they were being offered the opportunity to "redeem their errors."

If France were not to be excluded from the list of nations which were organising a "real peace" the French must "associate themselves to-day with the work of collaboration for the renovation of Europe to which their conquerors have so generously invited them." The broadcaster declared significantly that the "German Army is doing the impossible to-day in order that its presence in France should not produce any friction," and that it was the duty of Frenchmen to say their mea culpa for the sins they have committed and to promise to "collaborate without reticence with the other nations of the European Continent."

Laval, since his release from arrest was obtained from Marshal Petain by the intervention of Abetz, the German Ambassador, has become increasingly arrogant, it is reported, and makes little or no effort to conceal his contempt for Marshal Petain.

The "Daily Telegraph" New York Correspondent cables:—

As one examines the position of the United States as a non-belligerent ally of Great Britain, it is impossible not to be impressed by the great changes which have taken place in American public opinion.

Twelve months ago, asserts the magazine "Fortune" in a survey appearing in its January issue, the attitude of the people of the United States to the rest of the world was one of detached awareness which found expression in such remarks as "well they're in the same old jam again over there—may be this time they can get along without us."

"As the year ended," says "Fortune," "the shift in their mood had proceeded so far that it appeared to have become an irreversible reaction." To-day the American people stand foursquare behind Great Britain. They are determined to do everything that lies within their power to help the British people to defeat Hitler. They still hope this will not involve fighting, but they are prepared to fight if necessary.

So solidly is the nation committed to the axiom that Nazism must be defeated that it is difficult to see how the groups who are opposing the policy of aiding Britain can do more than employ delaying tactics.

Italian Attitude To Badoglio

The "Daily Telegraph" Lisbon Correspondent cables:—

Increasing numbers of Italians are looking to Marshal Badoglio, late Chief of the Italian General Staff, as the man of the future. He is regarded as the one outstanding leader who is not compromised, either politically or in a military sense by the reverses in Libya and Albania.

It is commonly believed in Italy that he warned Mussolini beforehand of the magnitude of the Greek undertaking. Il Duce replied that the Greeks would offer only token resistance and the campaign would be a walkover. Therefore he sent only about a quarter of the troops Badoglio declared to be necessary.

Whether this was the reason for Badoglio's resignation is less important than the fact that many Italians believe it to be. His prestige increases rather than declines as a result of successive military reverses.

By many he is regarded as the only man capable of saving Italy from the threatening disaster. It is believed he would be ready if events called him.

In the eyes of the public, Ciano, the Foreign Minister shares with his father-in-law Mussolini the blame for the Greek fiasco. Indeed he is believed in many quarters to be the instigator of the disastrous adventure.

While Badoglio is their chief hope the Italians are aware that the Nazis may have quite a different idea of Italy's future. Large numbers of German officers are now in Rome, ostensibly as technical advisers of the Italian army. German aircraft are also much in evidence and are daily flying low over Rome.

Travellers who left Milan a few days ago report, however, that there was then no sign of German military activity in Northern Italy. All observers bear witness to the great unpopularity of the war among all classes in Italy.

New British Giant

The King George V, latest and probably most powerful of British battleships, is one of nine new British battleships, the first of them just commencing to join the fleet.

The King George V, built by Vickers-Armstrongs on the Tyne, was laid down with her sister-ship, the Prince of Wales, on Jan. 1, 1937, one day after the expiration of the treaties limiting naval armaments, which were denounced by Japan. She was launched February 21, 1939, and it had been expected that both she and the Prince of Wales would be completed early in 1940. Battleships normally require about forty-eight months or longer in the building, but not all of this time is time on the ways; before

and provision of fresh capital.

So Japan is back at a crossroads, with its military and naval expansionists lured by the dream of predatory gains in league with the Axis and its repressed moderates, among whom may be counted many of its businessmen and of its more experienced diplomats, with a sprinkling even of Admirals and Generals, concerned over the prospects of a conflict with the British Empire and America which would immediately almost annihilate Japan's foreign trade and throw it on the insufficient resources of its own islands plus those sections of the Asiatic mainland which it has conquered or may conquer.

their keel is laid perhaps a year is required for design and drafting work, ordering of material, etc. After they are water-borne about another year is necessary for installation of superstructure, guns, etc., and final completion.

Ordinarily in time of war this construction period can be reduced

By Hanson W. Baldwin

somewhat by intensive work and twenty-four-hour shifts, but the King George V, ready to join the fleet and probably on a "shake-down cruise" preparatory to active operations was somewhat delayed in completion. She was commissioned some months ago, but some minor changes were probably made, minor defects remedied, and other alterations made as a result of war lessons and she was not finally completed, it is believed, until recently.

The delay in completion was a deliberate one. Great Britain did not primarily require battleship reinforcements to her fleet. Her great need was, and is, for light vessels, particularly destroyers and escort and patrol vessels, and priority was given to the construction of merchantmen and to the repair of damaged vessels.

The Prince of Wales probably already has been commissioned. It is likely she will be ready for active service early this year. The three others of the same class—the Duke of York, Jellicoe and Beatty—should be along later this year. Four other battleships of the Lion class, to displace somewhat more than 40,000 tons and to be armed with 16-inch guns, probably eight or nine of them, were not laid down until 1939 and will not be ready before 1943 or 1944.

The King George V replaces the battleship Royal Oak, sunk in the early days of the war at Scapa Flow by a German submarine. She and the Prince of Wales increase the British battleship fleet to sixteen (one or two of which, however, may be under repair for damage, probably minor). Britain now compares in battleship strength with the Axis powers as follows:

Two new German ships of the Bismarck class of 37,500 tons (or

35,000 tons) armed with eight 15-inch guns probably have just been completed, or shortly will be and Germany also has the modern 26,000-ton Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, armed with nine 11-inch guns.

At least two of the Italian ships are probably in drydock as a result of Britain's Taranto raid, and since Britain's ships are more or less homogeneous units, the British superiority in battleship strength is greater than the figures imply. Moreover, it is likely to increase, since the next three British battleships will be completed soon, long before the four Axis ships now on the ways which are still far from completion.

In quality it is difficult to compare the new British King George V class with the Bismarck and the Italian Littorio, since exact characteristics are not known. Photographs taken in the Chesapeake show a battleship whose general hull structure seems of typical British design—rugged, workmanlike.

The King George V class have ten 14-inch guns in their main battery, a feature that was considerably criticised in England, since all of the new battleships of other powers are armed with larger guns. The main battery arrangement is novel for British ships, with the guns emplaced in two extraordinarily wide quadruple turrets, one forward and one aft, and in one two-gun turret, forward and firing above the quadruple turret. The photographs also show sixteen 5.25-inch guns—eight to a broadside, arranged in double turrets and useable against surface or air targets.

Particularly noticeable in the photographs are the large number of small calibre, quick-firing anti-aircraft guns scattered about the ship. One of them appears to be an octuple barreled Vickers pom-pom, having eight guns on the one mount instead of four. Others of a somewhat more novel type seem to be multiple barreled heavy machine-guns, apparently twenty barrels on one mount, and there are four such mounts discernible in the photographs.

As to planes, it is possible she carries two or three between the stacks, launched on one of the typical British deck catapults. Her reported speed is better than thirty knots.

U.S. SHOCKED BY NAZI WORLD SLAVERY PLAN

A POLITICAL SENSATION of the first order has been created in New York by publication of the speech by Richard Walther Darré, Germany's Minister of Agriculture and a key man in the Nazi party.

With extraordinary frankness he outlined German plans for the world, including the United States. He described how the populations of conquered countries would be forced to work as slaves for the Germans.

In the United States, he said, Nazi sympathisers already held many key posts, "and we have in the American police an organisation operating with the same exactitude as in Berlin or Prague."

The speech, which was delivered to a gathering of high Nazi officials, who were warned that it was as much as their lives were worth to divulge it, was printed in the "New York Times" and the magazine Life. Both declare that after thorough investigation they believe it to be authentic.

On Invasion Eve

Darré began his review of Nazi aims by dealing with the situation in Europe on the eve of the attack on the Low Countries and France. But it is his references to the United States and the avowed intention to secure America's total capitulation which cause interest and concern here. He said:

"I have been asked about my opinion on America, especially the United States, and the danger of this pseudo-democratic republic's possible attempts to hinder us in our historical development.

"There is no fear that this demoralised country will mix in this German war. In the first place, as in France and other countries, also in the United States we have many of our compatriots and even more friends among the citizens of the United States who are favourably disposed towards us.

"Many of the latter hold most important positions in political and economic life, and will not permit public opinion to allow something so senseless and insane as war against Germany.

Eyes On U.S. Gold

"Moreover after Germany's occupation of England and France such a war would be entirely hopeless.

"I may say that at the outbreak of war or even at the beginning of this year a declaration by the United States of war against Germany would have caused serious difficulties, inasmuch as the moral strength of France and England would have gained and the unloading of relatively weak American forces would have encouraged the Western Powers to an offensive.

"On the other hand, we Germans have an account which we must settle with this country. In this war, not to mention the last war, the United States holds all the gold of Europe, which was and indisputably is our property, Germany being the successor state of the subjugated nations.

"Gold alone is practically of no value; but the insulting fact that it is something which God intended for us, which we were robbed of and which is intentionally withheld from us, must not remain unpunished.

"The United States also will be forced by Germany to complete the final capitulation. Our superior industrial products will be sold at very low prices to the whole world and will cause the United States to have not 7,000,000, but 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 unemployed.

"Mr. Rosenfeld (a Nazi leader) will then beg the Fuehrer on his knees to purchase from the United States not manufactured products, but raw materials at prices we shall dictate.

"The United States is at present so demoralised and so corrupted that, like France and England, it need not be taken into consideration as a military adversary.

"No Fear of U.S."

"We have in the United States police an organisation operating with the same exactitude as in Berlin or Prague, and we have

no fear of any activities on the part of the United States.

"The only purpose of our offensive against the United States is for ever to get rid of another bulwark of plutocracy, to regain what belongs to us and to teach Americans to respect Germany."

Darré started by predicting the destruction of France. "The French," he said, "are a nation of idlers and the fists of our good soldiers will teach these greedy pleasure-seekers and rotters to work hard for us."

Germany had many friends in France, Belgium and Holland. "These friends are not only our kinsmen resident there but also many members of those nations.

"Some of them have adopted the Fuehrer's doctrine; some are displaced officials of the former regime; some are ambitious to gain prominent positions; some won't resist the temptation of money. All, however, will render our cause the most faithful service.

"Accursed England"

"After the complete defeat and humiliation of the Western Continental Powers it will be easy to crush contemptible England, isolated and in our power, England must be destroyed as once Carthage was destroyed.

"The centres of this perfidious plutocracy must be turned into ruins so that this punishment might serve as a lesson to all who will attack this nation.

"Thousands of our planes will fly over proud Albion and the thunder of bombs and fires will shake to the very foundations this accursed island that has hindered for centuries our development. Our S.S. regiments, with the rest of the army, will finish the work of destruction without any sentimentality.

"By good or evil we shall subjugate especially Rumania, because of its sources of naphtha, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece. Then our way is open to immeasurable supplies of raw material in Africa.

"It may be assumed that before the autumn sets in we shall be absolute masters of two continents with the exception of Soviet Russia.

New Methods

"We shall introduce in our new living space completely new methods. All the soil and industrial property of inhabitants of non-German origin will be confiscated without exception and distributed primarily among the worthy members of the party and soldiers accorded honours for bravery in this war. Thus a new aristocracy of German masters will be created.

"This aristocracy will have slaves assigned it; these slaves to be their property and to consist of landless non-German nationals.

"Please do not interpret the word 'slaves' as a parable or as a rhetorical term. We actually have in mind a modern form of medieval slavery which we must and will introduce because we urgently need it to fulfil our great tasks.

"These slaves will by no means be denied the blessings of illiteracy. Higher education will in future be reserved only for the German population of Europe.

"We have selected this form of slavery for several reasons. The most important reason is that we are abolishing the gold standard and replacing it by work. This work must be as cheap as possible so that our economic conquest may spread extensively and rapidly."

"GREAT AIR BLOW AT BRITAIN"

A letter in which the writer, Hans Schmidt, of Chicago, predicts that Hitler will launch a terrific air attack on England soon is published by the "New York Times."

In a leading article, the newspaper asserts the suggestion comes from a source known to tap a centre of information within Germany which has proved reliable in the past, and says that if correct, it would explain Hitler's apparent indifference to the reverses suffered by his minor partner in Southern Europe.

"All reports coming out of Germany agree that deep gloom has taken possession of the population," writes Schmidt. "The feeling of hopelessness bordering in many instances on despair seems to exceed the dark pessimism I observed all over Germany last winter. With many people the longing for an alternative to Hitler is taking on the character of almost religious and mystical nostalgia.

"Nevertheless let there be no doubt, the exceedingly small and exceedingly hard group of Nazis who govern the German people is still confident of total victory. As long as this confidence remains unshaken the overthrow of the Hitler regime by more responsible elements remains very unlikely.

"Towards the end of winter, possibly as early as February, the Nazi air force will be reorganised and strengthened to such an extent that an out and out aerial offensive against the British Isles can be undertaken. If this succeeds, invasion, in the eyes of the Nazi strategists, amounts only to a mopping up operation that will immediately follow the air blitzkrieg.

U.S. VISITOR'S ADVENTURE

A United States observer with the R.A.F., who was trying a Spitfire, shot down a German plane, according to an article "Time."

The American, whose name is not disclosed, was visiting a station of the Fighter Command on a quiet day, when he was invited to take a flight over the aerodrome. Escorted by another Spitfire, he went up and was flying peacefully when a group of Messerschmitts appeared.

The British pilot naturally accepted the challenge, but the American, in the interests of neutrality, tactfully tried to retire. He was however, pursued by one of the Nazi pilots.

"When bullets began to nip past him," an article states, "the American abandoned neutrality, flipped over his plane, got the Nazi in his sights, pressed the gun button, and bagged one Messerschmitt fighter for the armed forces of the United States."

It is emphasised that the United States Government has no official knowledge of this engagement.

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BRITAIN DEVELOPS AIR RAID SHELTER FOR INSIDE HOUSE

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT have succeeded in achieving a satisfactory design for London home shelters and are to make a free issue in certain areas to people with incomes below £350 a year. A proportion of such shelters will be on sale.

Announcing this in the Commons yesterday, the Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said "The course of events in the past few months has given strong emphasis to the advantages of shelter in the home.

It achieves not only a degree of safety, but warmth and dryness and avoidance of the dislocation of the family. Experience of the effect of bombing has shown that houses afford more protection than was at one time supposed. We have, therefore, turned to the question of designing a shelter suitable for installation indoors which should afford protection against the consequences of being pinned under the debris of a house brought down by a bomb exploding near it."

Mr. Morrison said that the shelter decided upon was designed for installation on the lowest floor of a house of two or three storeys and would accommodate two adults and one older child or two younger children.

Priority Areas

It would not be practicable in the early stage of distribution to cover anything like the whole country and he had, accordingly, in consultation with Regional Commissioners, selected a number of areas to which priority would be given.

In answer to a question, Mr. Morrison said that the new indoor shelters were not yet in production but would be by the end of March. He added that while the income limit for free distribution of shelters was formerly £250, it had been decided to increase it to £350.

Can Be Used As A Table

Describing the Government's new home shelters in a broadcast, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, said: "Our experts have produced a strong steel structure for inside the house. You can use it as a table for meals or work, so that the whole room is not put out of action.

At night screens rock on to the sides. There is the added protection of the house walls, a steel top to support debris and a means of escape through detachable ends and sides.

The table shelter has been so designed that householders can put it together themselves with a spanner and a hammer — important because there is no labour to spare for erecting."

Miss Wilkinson added that the shelters could only be produced to the extent of half of the steel allotted by the production executive.

Regarding big shelters, she gave as her opinion that the worst problems in this connection were over. — British Wireless.

ATTEMPT TO ROB A STATUE

An attempt to remove the bronze plate on a Royal statue at Statue Square was made early this morning.

A Chinese constable on patrol this morning found that three of the four screws had been removed.

PAID TOO MUCH FOR EGGS

Mr. G. C. Frampton, of Messrs. Frampton and Sons, licensed egg packers, of Somerset, who were fined £5 at Taunton for buying five dozen eggs at a halfpenny a dozen more than the maximum wholesale price fixed by the Ministry of Food, told the Bench that for some years he had been a member of the Government Advisory Committee for Egg-marketing.

"Everybody is clamouring for eggs to-day," he said, "and butchers, bakers and others are buying, with the result that we are losing customers wholesale. We know perfectly well that they are paying more than we are allowed to pay. It is a very serious matter to us, because it is our livelihood."

Mr. Frampton alleged that the prosecution was brought at the instigation of their competitors.

A Ministry inspector said that to pay more than the maximum price for eggs was unfair to those who observed the regulations, and they regarded the principle as very important.

POSE AS AIR OFFICER ALLEGED

When Lewis Henry Dew (45), company director, of Porchester Place, Bayswater, W. was accused, at Marlborough Street, of posing as an R.A.F. wing commander, he asked to be allowed to speak to a Miss —, "a friend of mine."

Asked by the Magistrate if it was on business, he replied: "I just want to apologise for this humiliation."

His request was refused. Detective-sergeant Cyril Green said he saw Dew in a car in War-dour Street, W., and told him he would arrest him on the charge.

On arriving at Marlborough Street police station he said he did not quite understand, and the officer repeated the charge.

He then replied: "Good Lord! That started years ago, and I have been unable to drop it since."

In his possession the officer said he found a number of papers, including letters, addressed to "Commander Dew."

Dew was remanded.

GOERING HOLDS HIS HORDES OFF

Regarding enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, an official communique states: "There is nothing to report." — British Wireless.

ITALIAN POSITION STORMED

A communique issued from General de Gaulle's headquarters in London states: "Our forces from Chad, supported by our air force, are continuing their successful operations in Southern Libya.

A motorised column under the command of Colonel Leclerc has gained ground by taking several positions in the Koufra area.

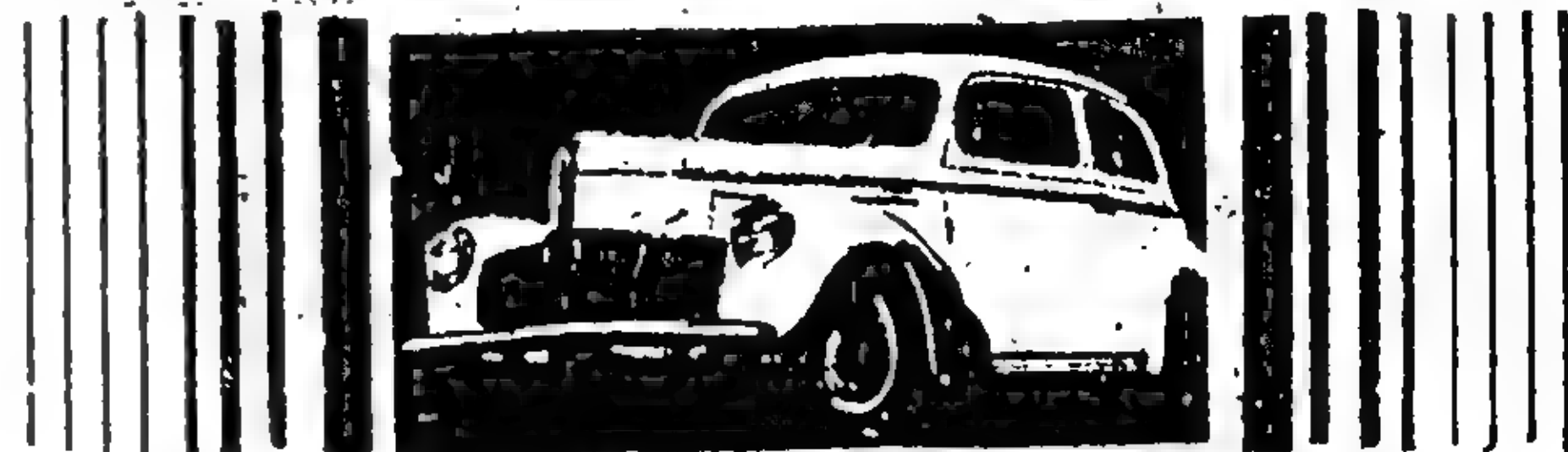
After a very successful bombing raid carried out by our squadrons, in which they destroyed important objectives and numerous aeroplanes on the ground, the Italian position was stormed. The enemy suffered heavy losses in men and material. Our operations are still progressing satisfactorily."

Koufra in an important military position of the first importance for Italian communications in Libya and Abyssinia. Six hundred miles of desert separate Koufra from the Chad frontier and the desert in this part of the Sahara is most difficult for operations. — British Wireless.

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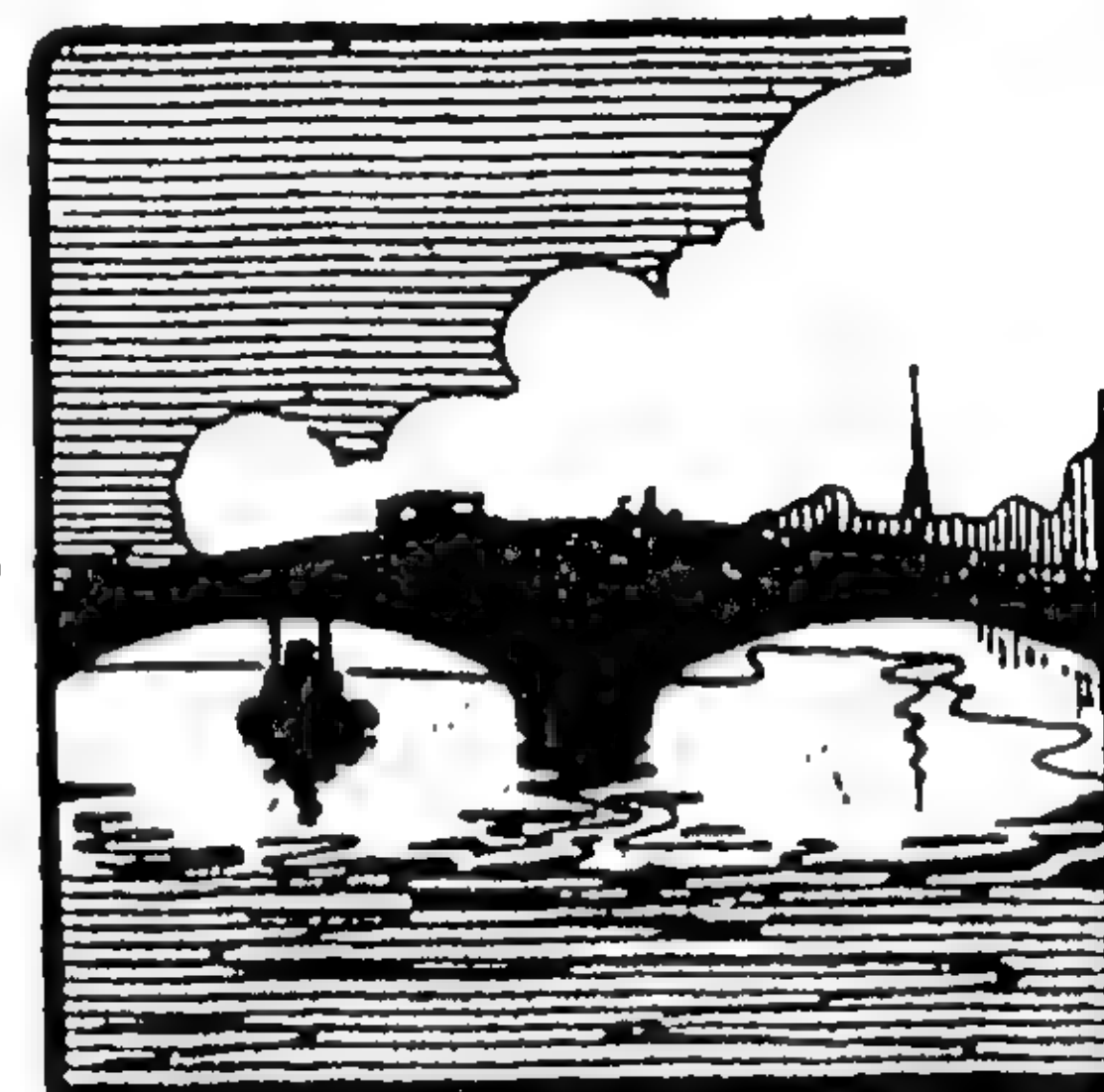
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Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1941.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February, to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
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BRIDGE NOTES

A DISASTROUS PSYCHIC BID By The Four Aces

Psychic bids aren't made very much these days, and we suppose that most of our readers use them with moderation, if at all. What-ever you think about psychic bids, however, you'll probably be interested in the sad tale of a famous expert's psychic two-bid:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A K 10 6
♥ 4
♦ A K 7 4
♣ Q 8 6 3

♠ Q 4
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ 5 2

♠ 9 8 5 2
♥ K Q J 8
♦ 3
♣ 10 7 5 2

♠ J 7 3
♥ 9 6 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ K J 8 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	7♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

The bidding, as you can see, was brief and decisive. The play was less brief but even more decisive, for South was set five tricks—a penalty of 1,400 points!

But when the smoke had cleared, both North and South earnestly maintained that the other had been more at fault for the disaster. Our own opinion is a mixed one. We think South's psychic two-bid was rather silly but that North's jump to seven clubs was stupid.

South intended to pass his partner's response, whatever it might be, and hoped that the opponents would be intimidated by the opening two-bid or, in any event, prevented from reaching their best contract. The odds against any such success were tremendous, and it was much more likely that the psychic bid would result in a bad penalty. Nevertheless, there was no need for North to make any jump bid at all. A simple response of two diamonds would have been enough at that point. If South had a legitimate two-bid (which North's strength should have caused him to doubt) he would bid again, and North would have ample opportunity to bid a Grand Slam. And if South's two-bid were so ridiculous that he had to pass two diamonds (as would have been the case), North would have reason to be glad he had not made a higher bid.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 8
♥ 10 5
♦ A 10 7
♣ Q J 10 6

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Maier	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. There is probably a game at no-trump, and if your partner has anything but the barest minimum he will bid it.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 80% for three no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 637

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ J 3
♥ K J 5
♦ K Q 4 2
♣ Q J 7 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Xia	Maier	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ALIENS TO HAVE MORE FREEDOM

Modification of the restrictions placed on some classes of aliens in Britain are likely soon, it is understood.

Meantime, the police have received instructions from the Home Secretary to exercise discretion in cases in order to avoid unnecessary hardship or interference with their livelihood.

It had been felt that injustice was being done to such as Greeks, Dutch, Norwegians, Belgians, French, and Danes in imposing total restriction on them.

Morrison's Statement

The position has been clarified by Mr. Morrison, who said...

"In view of the large number of aliens now serving or about to serve in His Majesty's Forces, as well as in the forces of Allied Governments in this country, it was felt that it would not be right to leave this special body of persons outside the system of alien control in present circumstances, when it is especially important to have means of ascertaining quickly where the alien is residing or when aliens are residing in a particular area.

"I am anxious, however, that these regulations should be administered in such a way as to



When a girl puts her best foot forward she should have good legs to stand on.

avoid unnecessary hardship or interference with law-abiding persons, and special instructions have been sent to the police for that purpose."

Curfew Position

The curfew—12 o'clock to 6 a.m. in London and 10.30 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the provinces—and the restriction on the possession of a car, cycle, etc., must generally be observed, but it is clear that the police will use their powers to grant special facilities to those whose business makes the use of a car necessary or in the case of aliens engaged on work during curfew hours.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Youth Too Careless About Eating

We are told by physicians that the changes from puberty to adolescence, with profound influence upon the vital glands of the body, are partly responsible for pimply, unlovely complexions, which one sees on young boys and girls. But alas, that is not the whole story.

Youth is notoriously careless about its diet and its personal grooming, as well as other living habits! Youth depends too much on its abundant health to take the advice of authorities who urge them to pay more attention to the selection of food, to keep strict hours as far as rest and mealtime are concerned, and not to be so careless about the external care of the body's skin.

Youth should be schooled (and should profit by this schooling) in the great importance of diet, regular elimination, and other hygienic measures.

Selecting Foods

An eminent nutritionist who has done much to promote the layman's knowledge of food forces has this to say:

"When you think of regulating the diet, the first thing you think of is cutting out objectionable foods. But putting in the right ones is just as important. By all means cut out greasy and heavy foods, the sweet and the starchy. They are not good for the skin. But do not forget to increase the amounts of fruits and vegetables. Be especially sure to include goodly quantities of CARROTS, RADISHES, ONIONS, and LETTUCE—those foods are both laxative and rich in sulphur, two essentials to skin health.

"Regular elimination is vitally important. A clear, smooth skin is impossible while the poisons and wastes from the uneliminated foods are flooding the body.

"Sunshine is a great help in overcoming skin troubles.

"Exercise for skin beauty—the skin tissues cannot store up poisons for long when the blood stream is surging."

Keep Body Clean

Once you make good, internal hygiene a daily habit, you must correct your external complexion care routine. "Cat washes," are strictly taboo. In fact, young people need two good skin scrubbing each day—one in the morning when they get up and one in the evening before getting into bed. If they come home late in the day from exercising or working they should wash their faces, necks and hands with soap and water at once—that makes three soap-and-water cleansings each day.

CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

At an annual general meeting and election of officers of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President: Dr. Edward W. J. Sun, Vice-President: Dr. Lee Hui Liang, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. H. C. Chan. Council Members: Dr. Li Shu Pui, Dr. Poon Seck Wah, Dr. Tseung Fat Im, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. Douglas Laing, Dr. N. K. Law, Dr. K. D. Ling, Dr. T. J. Hua.

Adolescents need a complexion brush or a rough washcloth to truly cleanse the pores of their skin. If a wash cloth is used instead of a brush a fresh one is required each day especially when correcting blemished skin condition. A wash cloth harbours germ infections and should not be used twice without being sterilised.

No young person should go without at least a daily bath, and under clothes should be changed daily. Outer clothing should be frequently washed or dry-cleaned to keep them free of perspired impurities.

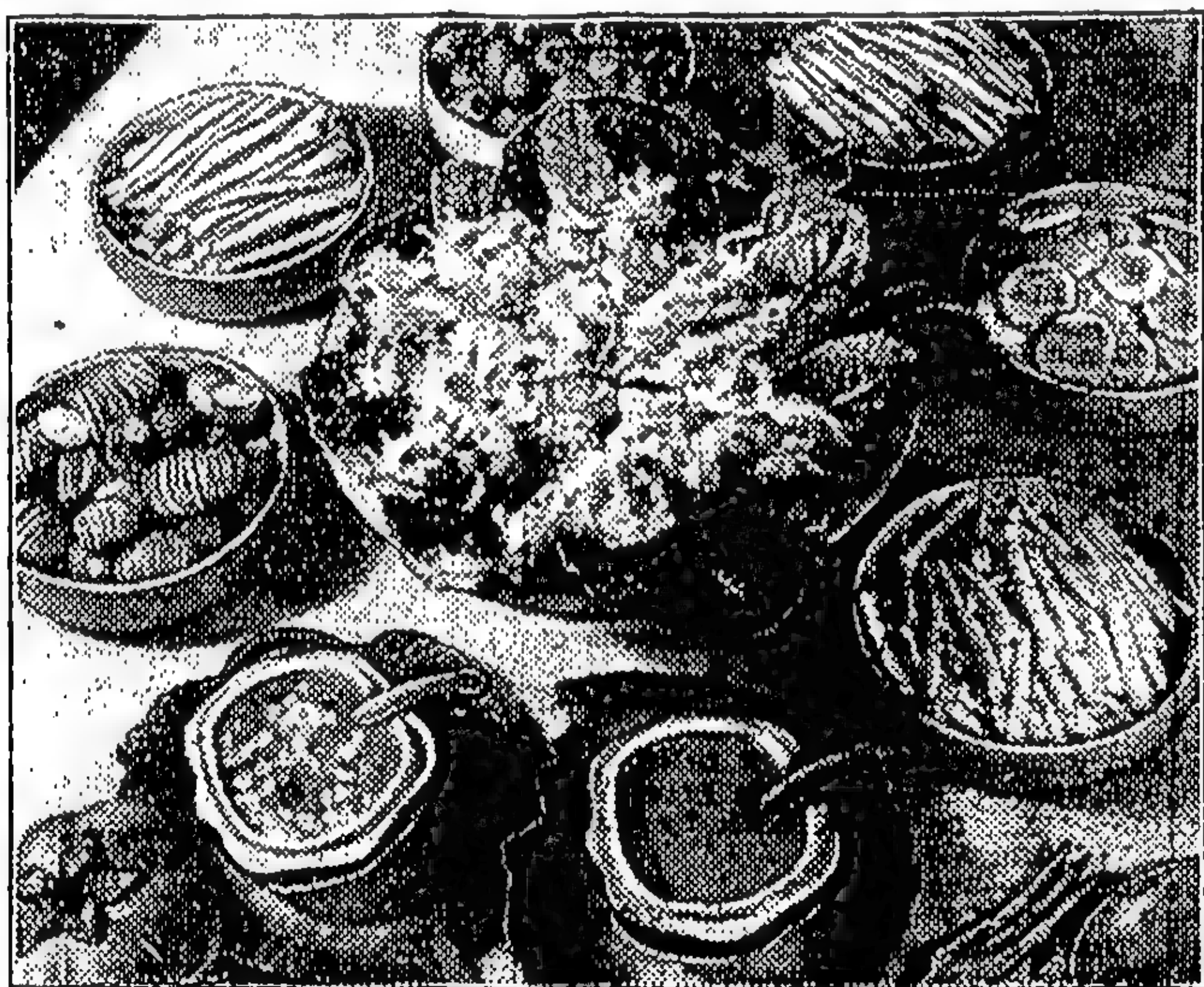
All this sounds like a lot of trouble, but a clear, lovely skin and healthy body is compensation enough for any effort you make!

The CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-SALAD idea wins high favor with guests (especially the men!)

Dorothy Greig

THE whole idea back of buffet refreshments is, of course, to give guests a choice of foods and let them help themselves.

And now a new and bright furtherance of that plan is to place, not the mixed whole salad, but the salad makin's them-



Let guests put together their own salads by offering a choice of ingredients and dressings in separate bowls.

selves on the table and turn the guests loose to put together their own salads. And do they love it! Nibbling Nellie and Gustaf George both get exactly what they wish and enjoy it hugely in consequence. Fill a large center bowl with greens. Then surround the big bowl with individual bowls, each one containing a separate salad ingredient. You can offer three or four bowls or a dozen, depending upon how expansive you feel. You might, for instance, have a line-up something like this:

Buffet Salad
2 cups chicken
2 cups radishes
2 cups cheese
2 cups sliced raw carrots
Sautéed olives
6 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
And, of course, the large bowl of salad greens

Cut the chicken and cheese into strips about 1½ inches long and ½ inch square. Slice the hard-cooked eggs and arrange in a small bowl. Slice the radishes being careful not to cut through entirely and let stand in ice water so that the slices will separate and spread, accordion fashion. Cut the carrots into long 4-5 inch strips and about ½ inch square. Use lettuce, chicory, romaine, or watercress in the large salad bowl, or a combination of them.

Offer guests a choice of dressings, too, perhaps a keen French dressing and a thick creamy may-

onnaise or Russian dressing.

Here are two dressings that are particularly flavorsome. One is a French dressing especially good on a buffet table because it is non-separating. The other dressing has chopped eggs and anchovy paste and is sharp and tangy.

Snappy French Dressing

1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon grated onion
1 cup oil (olive or salad)
½ cup vinegar
½ can condensed tomato soup
Combine the dry ingredients and mix in the grated onion. Blend in the oil and let stand for 10-15 minutes. Add vinegar and tomato soup. Beat well until the dressing mixture is thick and well blended. Makes approximately 2½ cups of dressing.

This is a non-separating French dressing.

Egg and Anchovy Dressing

1 tablespoon dry mustard
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon anchovy paste
1 cup salad oil
½ cup vinegar
½ can condensed tomato soup
1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
Combine dry mustard, sugar, salt and anchovy paste. Then add salad oil, vinegar and tomato soup. Mix well and at the last stir in the hard-cooked egg. Makes 2½ cups dressing.

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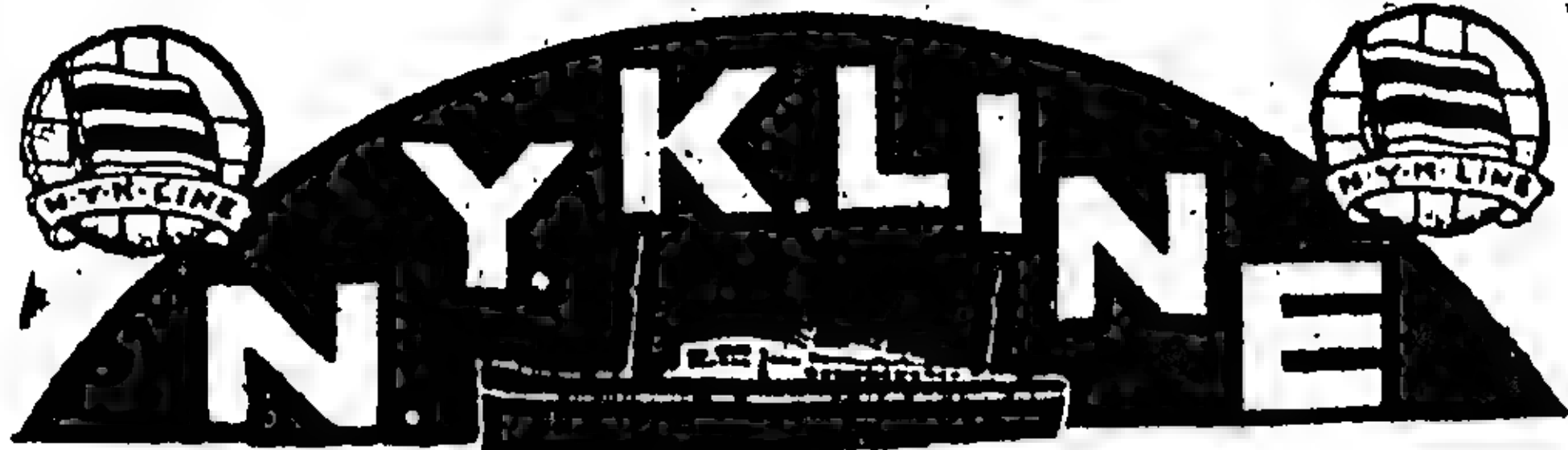
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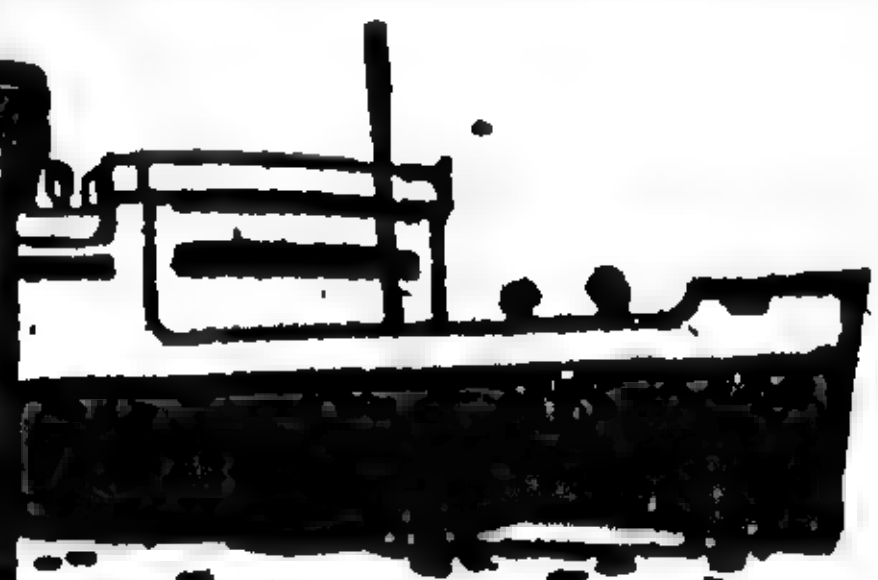
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2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Crosstown New York'.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Press Writers" No. 2: Defoe. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

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TRADED WITH ENEMY CHARGE

Doreen Grant Gibbons was described by the Solicitor-General, Sir William Jowitt, at the Old Bailey as the "real brains behind transactions which have benefited the Germans while her country was at war."

Charges of trading with the enemy were brought against her and against Louis Francis Szilagyi, aged sixty-five, and Thomas Ogle, fifty-eight.

They all pleaded not guilty, and entered a similar plea to charges brought against a limited company, Metal and Electro Chemical Products, of London.

The charges included counts alleging that they had transferred assets worth £84,713 to a Swedish firm under enemy control.

"Subservient"

Sir William Jowitt said the two men were really in a subservient position. The person really responsible was Miss Gibbons.

"While her country is at war she has been entering through the company, of which all three are directors, into all kinds of financial transactions to the benefit of Germans."

"If you arrange with a Swedish company to give it assets, provided it will pay a debt which you owe to Germany, in that way you are indirectly paying your debt to Germany instead of paying it to the custodian of enemy property."

"That is the scheme which this lady evolved, and the two men obediently signed on the dotted line."

After legal submission by Mr. C. D. Roberts (defending) Mr. Justice Asquith decided that as one count in the indictment had been altered at short notice, an adjournment was necessary. He put the case back to the next sessions.

INFANTRY UNIT ON WHEELS

While the motor-cycle battalion acts as the light cavalry and tanks as the heavy cavalry in the army of to-day, a motor battalion is still an infantry unit, though it moves on wheels.

It is a rifle battalion which has become enormously strong in light machine-guns and anti-tank rifles, thanks to the carriers with which it is abundantly provided.

The carrier is not a tank, though it moves on the same principle. It is less a fighter than a means of conveying men and weapons into the fight.

BLAZING 'PLANE BOMBED ENEMY, GOT HOME

NEARLY HALF of their 'plane was shot away. What was left was on fire. The R.A.F. men put the fire out — then carried on to drop their bombs.

They brought the flying wreckage home from Germany. The pilot sat down to write his official account of the adventure: "I have the honour to report that on the night of November 11-12 the aircraft was damaged."

He recalled the radio man's words: "I'm going blind, sir," how the rear gunner guided the operator's hand to the key to tap out messages for forty minutes—messages that never got through. The aerial had been shot away.

The pilot, in an interview, said that for fifty minutes clouds hid their main target—the oil refinery at Wesseling, Cologne—so they made for the railway goods yards at Cologne before that was obscured too.

"It seemed as if we could not miss our new target," said the pilot. "The bomb doors were open, the radio operator was standing by to drop the great flare, and the bomb aimer had started giving the usual alterations of course."

"Then A.A. fire opened up intensely. A 'near miss' showered us with fragments."

"There was a blinding explosion, part of the front turret was blown away, and there was another terrific explosion in the fuselage. The shell had touched off the flare."

"The observer and the wireless operator were both injured. There was a 10ft. hole in the rear."

"The explosions had hurled the control column out of my hands."

Shouted "Fire!"

"Soon the smoke cleared a little, and to my amazement I saw that not only were the engines still there, but that they were both running."

"Then the bomb aimer came up through the well, his face streaming with what looked like blood."

"Suddenly he shouted 'fire,' staggered along towards the tail. Flames were coming through the door beneath the petrol tank, so I shouted: 'Put them out.'"

"Nobody heard me. They were all there before I shouted."

"A little later I looked round and saw the radio operator coming through the door. His flying suit was on fire. The bomb-aimer dashed up to him and beat the flames out."

"Then he disappeared down fuselage again. He seemed to have recovered completely, and it turned out that what I had taken to be blood was only oil."

"The cabin cleared of smoke. The 'plane was flying erratically. The crew were working frantically to get rid of the incendiaries and anything that might explode."

Not for Fun

"We carried on in this state and dropped our bombs. We had not made the journey for fun, and the job had to be done as best we could do it."

"During this time the radio operator and I were alone in the cabin. He had collapsed on the floor and said: 'I'm going blind, sir.' His face was burned completely black."

"He got to his feet and said: 'I must get to the wireless.'"

"As soon as his burns had been treated, he clambered to his radio and started to send out messages."

"But first he had to explain the settings of the dials to the rear gunner. Everything ready, he had his hand guided to the key."

"For forty minutes he stood like that, tapping out his message, but the aerial had been shot away."

"There was little left to hold the tail 'plane on, but we bombed the goods yard, and in spite of all they could do to us we safely made the journey home in five hours against an eighty miles an hour wind."

Dismissed the Service.—A recent London Gazette announced that Lt. G. C. Wilson, R.A.S.C., and Lt. W. M. Keay, R.A., are dismissed the service by sentence of general courts martial.

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V.C.'S BRIDE KEEPS LUCK

Three hours after receiving the Freedom of South Shields, Second-Lieutenant Wallace Annand, V.C., was in the train for London ready for his wedding to Miss Shirley Osborne, of Selsea.

They will be married in St. George's, Hanover Square. But for the wedding Miss Osborne would have been present to see Lieutenant Annand made the fourth Freeman of South Shields by the mayor, Alderman W. I. Pearson.

"It would have meant courting bad luck by my seeing her on the morning of the wedding before we reached the church, and we couldn't risk that," he said.

When Second-Lieutenant Annand arrived at South Shields Town Hall a tall, grey-haired man stepped forward shyly to meet him. He was Mr. Joseph Hunter, of Porden Road, Sunderland, father of Lieutenant Annand's batman, Private Joseph Hunter, who is a prisoner and does not know that Lieutenant Annand got the V. C. for trying to save him.

Lieutenant Annand, though wounded himself, got a barrow and tried to wheel Hunter to safety. A road block held him up, and while he was away seeking help Hunter was captured.

BASUTOLAND COMMISSIONER

The Dominions Secretary announces that Sir Edward Harding has been appointed H.M. High Commissioner for Basutoland Protectorate and Swaziland.—British Wireless.

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WORKING WIFE A HEROINE

The workers in the factories are going to it and behind them, supporting them with their grit and loyalty, are those "unsung heroines, the workers' wives."

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, said this at a conference of employers and workers in London to discuss the Government's policy on working after the siren.

He said wives shared with their husbands the risk of an attack and they endured in addition the strain of watching and waiting for their man working at his post in a "target" factory.

Mr. Morrison added: "When an effective system of double warning has been worked out and good cover exists reasonably close at hand, I have enough knowledge of our war workers and their managements to be quite sure that not an unnecessary minute of time will be lost."

"Why should the war worker be more interested in 'safety first' as a war-time motto than in his colleague of the civil defence force?"

He explained in detail the plans for selecting and training roof-spotters for factories, the arrangements for stopping and restarting work and the nature of emergency protection.

Policeman on Looting Charge.—P. Robinson, a War Reserve constable, was arrested in London by Scotland Yard detectives and charged under the defence regulations with two cases of looting from premises damaged by enemy action in Berners Street.

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CYCLONES LOSE TO HONG KONG BASEBALLERS BUT DO WELL

Bad Base-Running Costs Runs

Saints Make No Mistake Against The Filipinos

By "Grandstand"

ALTHOUGH THE CYCLONES went down to the Hong Kong Baseballers 7-3, in the Senior Softball League night cap on Sunday, they gave the Mohawks some anxious moments and the score would have been much closer had it not been for bone-head base-running on the part of the Omarmen, especially on two occasions when the runner on third was nailed at the plate on an attempted double steal by a catcher to short-stop play.

You can try the same thing a hundred times in this League — they still bite!

Cyclone pitcher "Sunburn" the Laumen fanned five but issued Omar created a surprise when he started Paddy Pineda on the hill against the heavy slugging Mohawks. Pineda went the route and passed two, and also allowed four singles.

Indian hindsnatcher "Tarzan" Ismail was a ball of lightning as he sneaked four bases from the Chinese Baseballers.

Indian keystone "Baby" Abbas lost his batting title by failing to connect safely in four times at the plate.

Mohawks Threaten

The Mohawks threatened right from the start when Lou Leight doubled with two away. Fitch singled to push Leight to third but Enie Hearther grounded out to end the threat.

In the Cyclone half, Skelly Razack got on base on a fielder's choice, whilst Jones walked Bakar Markar Junior looked at five pitches for another walk to load the bases with two away, but K. M. Rumjahn fled out to Sperry. Both sides failed to score in the second frame, but the Mohawks broke into the score column in the third on two successive hits, a fielder's choice and a sacrifice.

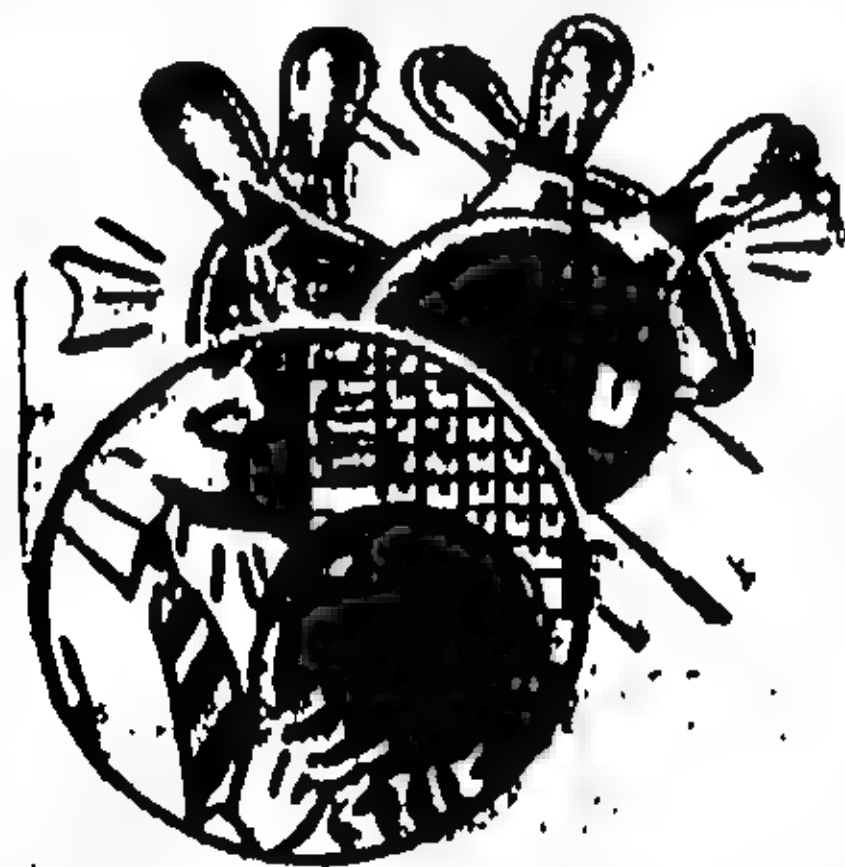
The Cyclones replied with one, when Bakar chased in Skelly Razack with a ringing double. In the fourth Johnnie Schalberg tripled and romped home on a passed ball for another marker.

The Cyclones produced one in each of the fifth and sixth, but the Baseballers slugged two across in the final session to clinch the verdict. Centre-gardener Bakar clouted a neat 1,000 in his three trips, whilst Johnnie Schalberg was next in the honours with three in four, including two doubles and a triple.

The fielding gem of the day was, when left gardener K. M. Rumjahn clamped his hands on Frank Crews' blooper in short centre, to hold Schalberg on third, after centre-fielder Bakar had decided to play it on the bounce.

Easy Win For Indians

The Indians easily accounted for the Chinese in a 6-2 triumph. Denham Cray on the mound for



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CHUNG WAH BEAT KING'S

As the result of a match played on Monday evening, "A" Section of Junior Division of the Badminton League is now very open. King's College, who had hitherto been unbeaten, lost in their return match with Chung Wah by the odd game in nine, leaving the two teams bracketed at the head of the table.

King's were in a very strong position at one time and not until the eighth game of the evening were Chung Wah on level terms for the first time.

The game that really decided the issue was the fifth. King's, at the end of the first round, were 2-1 to the good; Chan and Chung won the first game of the second round and it only remained for Lui and Woo to win the next game to place King's in a 4-1 lead which would have assured them of the match.

Liu and Woo had to play W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy and although some of the subsequent games were closer, this proved to be easily the best encounter of the evening.

Choy's Shine

W. C. Choy was playing brilliantly and although his brother was not quite so impressive, he

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indians	9	3	.750
Hong Kong Baseballers	8	3	.727
Recrelo Aces	5	4	.556
Cyclones	6	5	.545
Chinese Baseballers	3	6	.333
Filipinos	2	8	.200
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Wah	9	1	.909
V.R.C.	9	1	.909
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recrelo Bora	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
B.H.R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	10	1	.909
Wildcats	10	1	.909
Wahoos	9	3	.750
Baby Panthers	7	5	.583
Cardinals	6	8	.500
Recrelo Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	10	.091
Chung Wah	0	11	.000

INTER-HONG

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	4	0	1.000
Texaco Oilers	4	1	.800
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Lacas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	5	.000

made few mistakes. The Chung Wah pair scored steadily and when they were leading 19-11 all appeared to be over. The King's pair, however, made a great effort and fighting every point desperately, they crept up to 13-19, 15-19 and 18-19. Chung Wah then secured an ace to lead 20-18. Even then all was not over. Service changed hands at least half a dozen times before the Choy brothers scored the necessary ace to secure game.

Thereafter there was no stopping Chung Wah, and, except for one game won by Chan and Chung, they were unbeatable.

Chan and Chung gave a dazzling display to secure three of the four games credited to King's.

At Bonham Road, Chung Wah defeated King's College by 5 games to 4 on Monday.

C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah) lost to S. P. Chan and W. C. Choy.

Chung Wah beat K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo 21-9.

beat T. Lam and K. H. Lo 21-11.

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) lost to Chan and Chung 10-21.

lost to Lui and Woo 8-21.

beat Lam and Lo 21-9.

W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah) lost to Chan and Chung 22-23.

beat Lui and Woo 21-18.

beat Lam and Lo 21-8.

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme:—

King's College v. J. R. C.

Chung Wah v. V. R. C.

Police v. St. John's

Kowloon Tong v. K. C. C.

King's College:—S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell; K. L. Lui and W. C. Choy; T. Lam and K. H. Lo.

J.R.C.:—M. Talan and J. Odell; B. Godkin and S. Ramler; A. R. Pollak and A. Odell.

Chung Wah:—W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu; C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang.

V.R.C.:—D. M. Xavier and S. A. Ramjahn; A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares; F. Castro and A. A. Remedios.

P.R.C.:—W. Gilles and L. Gordon; R. Hogarth and J. Ferrier; C. Y. Siu and J. Shepherd.

St. John's:—A. May and N. L. Smith; H. Eardley and D. Kwok; G. S. Ladd and K. Maynard.

GIRLS' LEAGUE

WAHOOS OUT OF LEAGUE

OUT OF RUNNING

By "Grandstand"

IN A GAME FEATURED BY EXPLOSIVE MOMENTS, WAHOOS DROPPED OUT OF THE RUNNING IN THE GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE IN THE HOME STRETCH WHEN THEY WERE DOWNED BY THE CANADIAN CHINESE BY 8-6.

For some reason or other, two of the three umpires appointed by the League failed to make an appearance, with the result that arbitrators had to be picked from the spectators, and these umpires did not always agree.

Both Canuckette hurler Mary Ng and Wahoo twirler Therese Noronha chucked steady ball, the former fanning six and walking four, whilst the latter whiffed three and passed two. Each pitcher conceded five safeties, but Therese was unfortunate in that three of them were bunched up in the third for a Maple Leaf five-run uprising.

Although all the Wahoo infielders, with the exception of hindsnatcher Jackie Anderson, were responsible for errors, outfielders Jeannette Yolie, Beebun Abbas and super-rockie Colette Yolie all brought off fine catches, the latter earning a permanent berth in the right garden when she shoe-strunged one after running all the way in from deep right.

Wahoos Lose Toss

The Green-shirts lost the toss, and went in to bat first. Lead-off batter Yvonne Yolie singled and burlged second, but Irene Castilho, Jackie Anderson and Terry Noronha all failed to come thru with the necessary hit for a score and she died on third.

The second stanza also produced no runs. After retiring the Maple Leafs in one, two, three order for the first two frames, hurler Therese Noronha suffered a lapse and allowed three safeties, which included Rene Yuen's time'y double with the sacks soused, and Ulian Khoo's homer with one aboard, for the Canuckettes to chalk up a five-run start.

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

The only match that might prove of interest in Junior Division of the Badminton League is the Kowloon Tong-K.C.C. fixture at Kowloon Tong.

Kowloon Tong are not likely to win but they will have out a stronger team than in their previous two matches. Frank Kwok, after a long absence, returns to partner Richard Lee, while Lo and Joe Tsang will again be turning out, giving the suburbanites two quite useful pairs.

Third pair will probably be weak and this should enable K.C.C. to retain their unbeaten record.

St. John's, for their match against Police, will be without Peter Wilson, whose place will be taken by A. May, who is reputed to be useful. They should not have much trouble in winning, however, as Eardley will be playing and this player in partnership with David Kwok, is certain to win three games.

LEAGUE BADMINTON TABLES TO DATE

SECTION "A"

	Games	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	5	1	4	32	13	8	
Chung Wah	5	1	4	32	13	8	
Recrelo	4	2	2	18	18	4	
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	26	2	
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	29	0	

SECTION "B"

	Games	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	5	0	5	31	14	10	
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6	
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	20	26	4	
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21	4	
Police	5	0	5	0	5	0	

Fighting back, the Owls tallied once in each of the fourth and fifth, but the Canadians piled up three more on two bobbles and a single in the sixth.

Coming up for their last time, Lisa Anderson pinch-hitting for Beebun Abbas, swung at three fading ones for the first erasure.

Undaunted the Wahoos staged a late rally, but was only able to garner four markers, which included Jackie Anderson's four-master.

In sliding home Jackie suffered a sprain to her left arm which will put her out of action for a couple of weeks.

Best stickwork performance goes to Jackie Anderson for her double and homer in four trips, whilst Ulian Khoo also clouted a four-bagger for the Maple Leafs.

In the Wildcats-Little Flowers merry-go-round, the Florinhas were slaughtered by 20-2, Wildcat hurler Thelma Collaco chucked her second no-hitter of the season.

GRAPHIC GOLF



GAINING GOOD WRIST ACTION

By BEST BALL

Hand and wrist action is largely responsible for the slightly built fellow's ability to keep fairly close to a more husky adversary off the tee. Indeed, it is nothing uncommon to see a husky hombre outdriven by someone only half his size. The former player, in such instances, generally lacks the whip lash action that is so essential in speeding up the club as it travels in the impact stage. His hands as far as contributing to clubhead speed are dead.

To make full use of the hand and wrists, provided the golfer is not naturally endowed with this virtue, requires practice. The golfer must make his muscles here aware of the job they have to perform. For instance, instead of making a full swing with a mid-iron or heavier iron, let the golfer confine himself to a medium stroke but cock his wrists to full measure. Swinging down from this position the player can generate surprising speed and power. Practiced during the winter it will keep the wrists and hands surprisingly supple. Next Article.—Markings On Irons.

EASTERN EASILY BEAT MACAO

NEUSEL KNOCKS OUT HEUSER

Cordova, Airoso Best Of Visitors

By "Referee"

EASTERN HAD LITTLE difficulty in beating Macao Football Association by 3 goals to 1 at Caroline Hill yesterday and had their forwards been steadier in front of goal they would have won by a bigger margin.

CHESS

ZIMMERN BEATEN

C. M. Sequeira beat E. Zimmern, runner-up in the Colony Tournament last year, to score his second win in three games in this year's Colony Chess Championship.

The game was played last night at the Peninsula Hotel.

Zimmern resigned after about 20 moves.

K. Weiss won his first game in three when he beat D. E. de Carvalho in another Championship match.

The game lasted 50 moves and took only 1 hour and 50 minutes.

In the Colony Open Junior Tournament, Un Kwan-yung beat A. Kurrik.

In a Club Junior Champion-

ship match, A. C. Pompad beat F. A. Fabel.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton League pairings.

"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Chiu and C. K. Lee (University "A")	9	0	9
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	9	5	4
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	9	6	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplevanar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	9	7	2
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	9	7	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplevanar (University "B")	3	3	0
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	15	1	14
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	15	2	13
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	12	0	12
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	9	0	9
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	12	5	7
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	15	8	7
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-john (V.R.C.)	9	3	6
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	9	3	6
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	9	4	5
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	12	7	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
M. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	6	6
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	9	1	8
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	9	0	9



Hau Ching-to and Hyui were the best of the forwards though the former was often caught off sides, and was inclined to hang on to the ball too long.

Macao Score First

Macao opened the scoring in the first half when Ip Pou-to sent in a centre which Lau Hin-hon fumbled for Guerreiro to follow up and net. This lead was short-lived, Carvalho badly misjudged a high shot from Fung Tsap-pan and shortly after Hsu King-seng scored with a right foot drive into the corner of the net.

Hau Ching-to scored Eastern's third goal in the second half.

Macao, who will be re-inforced by Costa and Collaco, meet South China at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m. to-day.

MACAO: -- Carvalho; Cordova; Chifu; Sousa; Airoso; Magalhaes; Chong Han-kwong; T. Badarraco; Querrelra (Capt.); Lau Chung-kwan and Ip Po-tou.

EASTERN: -- Lau Hin-hon; Ng Kee-cheung; S. Y. Yen; Qui Wing-fok; Hui King-seng; Lo Wai-ming; Fu Tsuk-ping; Cheung Kam-hoi; V. K. Hyui; C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

Cordova Safe

Cordova was a safe defender and he was instrumental in breaking up many dangerous moves. Airoso, in the pivotal position, had his work cut out watching Hyui and Chong Kam-hoi and could not expect much assistance to his forwards.

Sousa and Magalhaes worked hard as wing halves but found the opposing winger hard to mark.

Eastern were not at full strength and for the first quarter of an hour were fully extended. It was not until late in the first half that they were able to settle down to their usual play.

Hsu King-seng in the pivotal position, was the outstanding player. Besides keeping his forwards well supplied with passes he kept Carvalho occupied with long shots.

C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	3
E. Zimmern and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	9	7	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arcull and S. A. Rum-john (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackey and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. R. Pollak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Hamler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Pollak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (V.R.C.)	9	8	1
F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	9	8	1
J. Macdonald and M. Ding-dah (Police)	9	8	1
A. Gown and S. Hamler (J.R.C.)	9	8	1

SERVICES' INCONSIDERATION

INSTEAD OF LEADING to a closer and more harmonious understanding between the Service sport chiefs and what is left of the civilian side of football, the recent conference called by the Army Sports Control Board has only deepened the feeling that they are indifferent to the fate of the clubs, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

The principal concern of that conference seems to have been to broadcast an appeal for more sport equipment for the Army.

I wrote at the time that a great opportunity for mutual help was being missed—and I mean mutual. I guess Mr. Bevin knows the importance of avoiding a civilian sport close-down.

Does Colonel Hartley and his Board realise that the men of the Civil Defence, the munition workers, and the hundreds of thousands of others who, if they wear no uniform are as surely in the fighting line, are just as much in need of sporting relaxation as is the soldier? Indeed, I would say in more need.

There is not the slightest reason for a clash of interests between Service and club sport. There was none last football season and very little in the early part of this.

Managers' Nightmare

But club managers are now bitterly complaining that team-building has become a nightmare task by the increase in the number of R.A.F. and Army teams for friendly and, presumably, unofficial matches each Saturday.

WALTER NEUSEL technically knocked out Adolf Heuser in the tenth round recently at the Deutschlindhalle in Berlin in the final elimination bout for the right to meet Heinz Lazek this summer for the German heavyweight championship.

Max Schmeling, former world champion and who now ranks as the European, rather than the German, titleholder, made his first public appearance in months when he was introduced to cheering crowds prior to the bout.

Schmeling was in mufti and was accompanied by a score of comrades in special parachuters' uniforms. They had obtained special leave and had flown down from their training station especially for the fight at which they were guests of honour.

Schmeling told the press that he did not know when he would fight again, but said he believed he might meet the winner of the Neusel-Lazek fight. He added that he did not have any definite plans for the future nor could he say if he would have a return bout with his conqueror, Joe Louis, whom he characterised as the "best of them all."

The former world champion in 1939 knocked out Heuser in the first round, although earlier Heuser had knocked out Lazek in the fifth round. — United Press.

MCLELLAN'S FINE FORM

Hong Kong Hockey Club met their first defeat in the Quadrangular Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo when they went down to the British Army by the odd goal in three. All the goals were scored in the first period.

Benwell played well between the sticks for the Club, saving several hard shots and Bond in front of him was safe.

McLellan was the best player on view. He played a good game at left-half for Club and kept Homberg, the former Colony Interporter, who was on the right-wing, in very close check throughout the game. Reed was good in the pivotal position.

Guest and Fowler were two prominent forwards for the Club.

Anderson was very sound in the defence for Army breaking up most of the Club attacks, while Croston was very steady in the pivotal position.

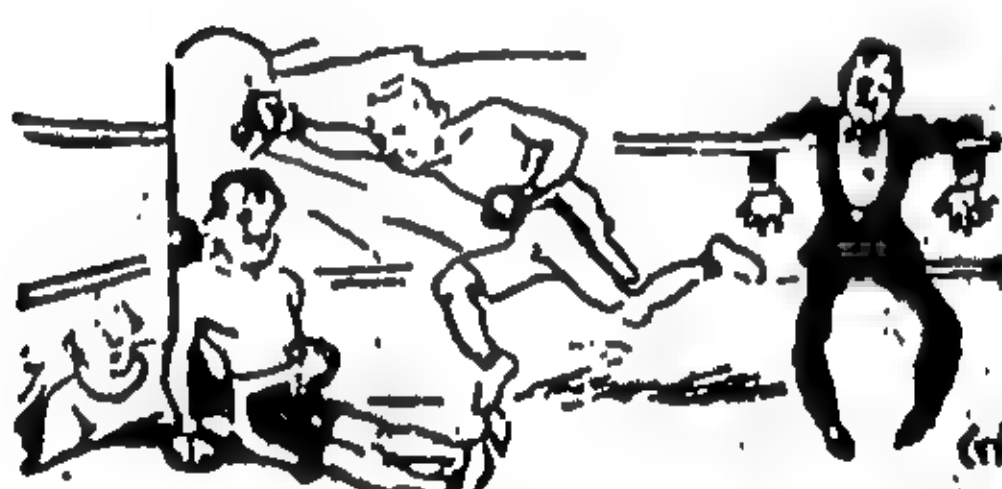
The soldiers' attack was best served by Hitchcock, who showed good stick-work and combination with his inside men.

Guest scored the first goal for the Club after 15 minutes of play from a pass from T. Whitely, Hitchcock equalising for the soldiers about five minutes later from a pass from Homberg.

Just before the end of the first half, Army were awarded a short-corner and Hitchcock netted.

British Army:—Dove (Signals); Neve (R.S.) and Anderson; Jordan (R.S.); Croston (R.E.) and Alsey (R.S.); Singleton (R.E.); Marshall (R.A.), Hitchcock (R.S.), Shaw (R.E.) and Homberg (R.E.)

Club:—Benwell; V. C. Bond, and J. Gonsalves; D. McLellan, W. A. Reed and N. B. M. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, A. E. P. Guest, E. Fowler and R. Soares.



TO-DAY'S BOXING

The Army Novices Boxing Championship take place this evening at Shamshuipo barracks commencing at 8.30 p.m. when Royal Artillery meet Middlesex. The winning team will meet Royal Scots (champions), to-morrow.

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AXIS SOLIDARITY IN WASHINGTON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An official demonstration of Axis solidarity occurred yesterday on the arrival at Washington of the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, when the German Charge d'Affaires and the Italian Minister were on the station to receive him.

The Chief of Protocol of the State Department was also present. — International News Service.

PUNJAB DELIGHTED BY BENGHAZI

The Punjab Assembly at Lahore has passed a resolution to send warmest congratulations to General Wavell and the Army of the Nile and the sister services on the magnificent victory achieved at Benghazi.

The resolution reiterated the assurance that the Punjab "will continue to give her best men and material for the achievement of final victory" — Reuter.

Positions Taken At Point Of Bayonet

AS IN THE WESTERN Desert, Indian troops — infantry, sappers, mechanised units and cavalry — are greatly distinguishing themselves in operations in Eritrea where they are very much at home in terrain resembling that of the North-West Frontier of India.

Scaling heights held by the Italians, they have repeatedly captured positions at the point of the bayonet and immediately charged down the mountainside.

In one battle, that which resulted in the occupation of Barentu, Punjab, Garhwal, Baluch and Frontier Force regiments fought throughout the attack.

The actual seizing of Barentu was effected after a five-day battle fought by an Indian Brigade through a narrow gorge and a 10-day battle fought along the Aiceto-Barentu Road by another Indian Brigade.

50-Mile Advance

Meantime, South African troops have penetrated 50 miles into Abyssinia.

Thus, while the battle for Keren in Eritrea is still proceeding, a new threat to Addis Ababa is fore-shadowed by latest information which reached Cairo yesterday afternoon.

This deep penetration into enemy occupied territory has taken place east of Lake Rudolf and

the South Africans are pressing on along a ridge and valley running north-eastwards to the Abyssinian capital and the Red Sea.

South African Dash

South African troops played a prominent part in the capture of Hobok, on the south Abyssinian border, according to details of the operations just received.

With British forces, the South Africans left Dukana and camped on the border. Later they pushed on through dense bush over a distance of 18 miles towards their objective.

A brigadier, referring to this advance, said that he did not think that the history of motorised forces could show a similar feat considering the type of bush encountered.—Reuter.

Mahratta Elan

The leading part played by Mahratta troops in the North African operations which led to the penetration into Abyssinia from the Gallabat-Metemma zone in the Sudan, is described in fuller accounts now available, which speak of the numerous actions by the Mahratta frontier force and British troops.

A typical example mentioned was a raid carried out on January 12, when a Mahratta company, supported by an artillery barrage, made a dashing attack in the Me'emma area.

Shouting their battle-cry, "Shivaji Maharaj Ki Jai" these stocky men of Western India flung themselves against the enemy under cover of darkness and did heavy damage. — Reuter.

AWARDS TO H.M.S. KIMBERLEY

THE EXPLOIT OF THE BRITISH DESTROYER H.M.S. "KIMBERLEY," IN TORPEDOING THE ITALIAN DESTROYER "FRANCESCO NULLO" IN THE RED SEA LAST OCTOBER, IN THE ACTION WHICH FOLLOWED AN ENEMY ATTACK ON A BRITISH CONVOY IS RECALLED BY AWARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE LONDON GAZETTE.

These are: the D.S.O. to Lieut. Commander John Sherbrook Richardson, the D.S.C. to Engineer Lieut. Commander Gordon Edward Sedwick and the D.S.M. to Chief Engine-Room Artificer William Henry Hallison, all of H.M.S. "Kimberley." — Reuter.

EXPANDING ARMS OUTPUT IN INDIA

The largest of its type in India when erected, a 200-ton gun-forging press has been received for a factory in India. Several important items of the plant required for the expansion of ordnance factories have also arrived.—Reuter.

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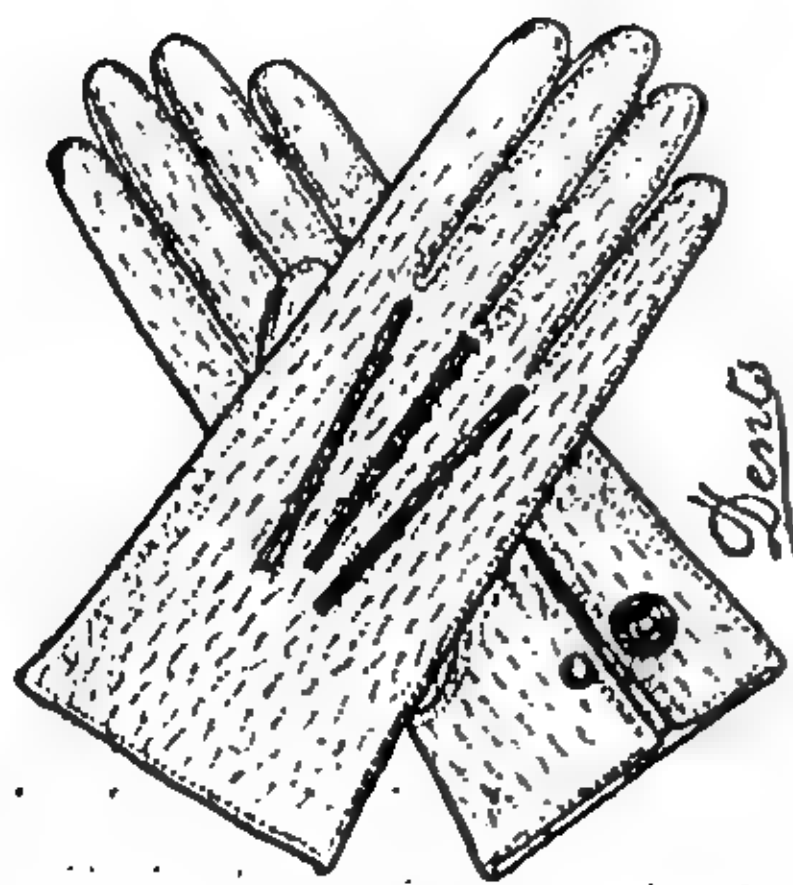
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MAJOR AXIS MOVE HINTED AT IN ITALY

Rome Fascist Group Wants Peace

At a meeting in Rome on January 15, dissident Fascists decided to send Count Grandi to England to sue for peace, according to a "reliable report," broadcast by the Athens Radio last night.

But the meeting was denounced by the Police, who made many arrests, adds the report. Participants were court martialled and heavily punished. — Reuter.

Visit Of Franco Invested With 'Grim' Significance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A MAJOR AXIS move which might involve Spain is now being hinted in the Italian Press, where it is stated that General Franco, now on his way to Italy, will meet Signor Mussolini at San Remo.

Nothing authoritative has come either from Madrid or Rome, but the "peace mission" rumours have been heavily discounted, and the Italian Press had "perked" up with the news of the Franco-Mussolini conference.

U.S. NOT EDGING OFF FAR EAST

At his press conference yesterday in Washington, President Roosevelt answered a question which has been in many minds for many months when he stated, very deliberately, that if the United States was forced into a war in the Far East, it would have no effect on deliveries of war materials to Great Britain. — Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT OF CRACK FIGHTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW TYPES OF fighter 'planes are to be developed jointly by the United States and Great Britain, it was revealed by aviation circles in Washington to International News yesterday.

In the race to maintain the technical superiority established over Germany's best by the Hurricanes and Spitfires, all future 'planes from the United States will be equipped with new armament.

Aviation sources revealed that an agreement has been reached tentatively on the specifications for the new types of fighters, which it is confidently expected will be capable of standing up to any machine which Goering can develop.

WARNING TO MISSIONARIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The tension in the Far East is indicated by a notice given out by the head of the U.S. Episcopal Missionary Society in Japan that all members must be prepared to leave the country at once.

The notification was made after the head of the Society had consulted Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the American Ambassador in Tokyo. — International News Agency.

TOKYO EXCHANGE CONTROL BILL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Japanese Diet is considering a new Exchange Control Bill. This bill is apparently a precautionary measure against a United States decision to freeze the assets of Japan. — International News Agency.

BRITISH DRIVES IN ABYSSINIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Led by South African troops, British forces last night were reported to have reached a point about 50 miles inside southern Abyssinia on the road to Addis Ababa.

South African troops were reported to be pushing through the Rift Valley towards the Red Sea.

Another British force is driving on Addis Ababa from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

Harrassed by Ethiopians behind their lines, Italian troops are reported to be fleeing in both sectors.

Other British operations in Eritrea and Italian Somaliland are "developing satisfactorily" it was stated in Cairo last night. — International News Service.

"Giornali d'Italia" publishes a despatch from its Madrid correspondent, which says: "We are nearing the completion of the preparatory phase of the precise and unchangeable Axis military programme" (from which it might be inferred that the Albanian and Cyrenaican campaigns have gone according to plan!)

"TRIBUNA" SAYS: "IF AMERICA ARRIVES IN TIME TO SAVE ENGLAND FROM RUIN THE UNITED STATES WILL FIND THE WHOLE EUROPEAN CONTINENT ARMED AGAINST HER."

General Franco and Senor Suner have reached France in the course of their journey to (Continued on Page 16)

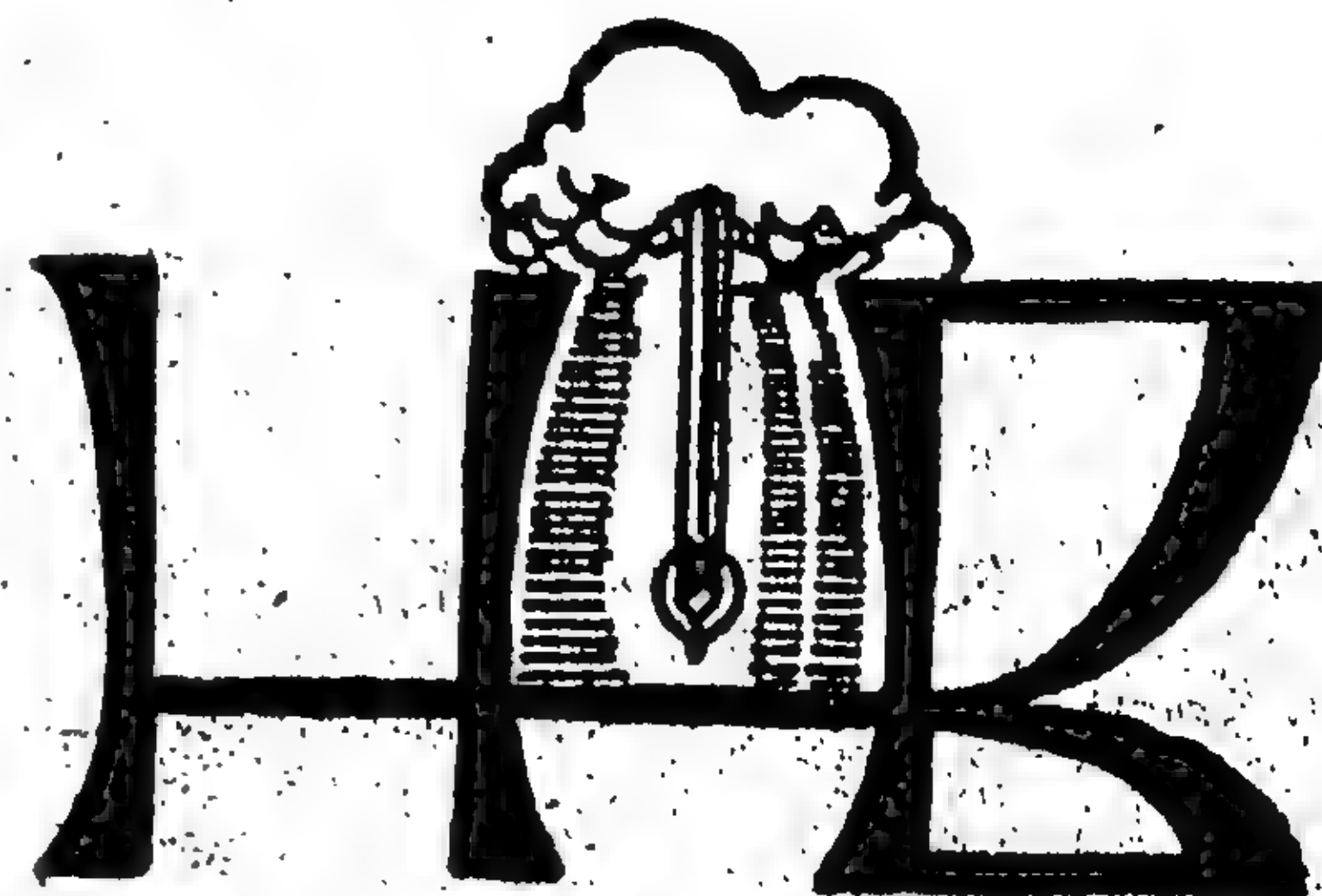
WEATHER FORECAST: — N. E. winds, moderate, freshening considerably; fair at first, cloudy with rain and decreasing temperature later.

NAVY BOMBARDS OSTEND

A MESSAGE FROM LONDON states that the German-occupied port of Ostend was bombed by units of the Royal Navy during the early hours of yesterday morning.

An Admiralty communique giving this news adds "our salvos fell on the harbour works and many fires were observed. No casualties or damage were sustained by our forces." — Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S GREATEST NEEDS

Willkie's Evidence On Aid Britain Legislation

Destroyers First: Calls For All Out Assistance

"BRITAIN REQUIRES BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE AND THE ONLY WAY THE UNITED STATES COULD HELP BRITAIN QUICKLY WAS TO ENACT THE AID TO BRITAIN BILL 'WITH MODIFICATION'", DECLARED MR. WENDELL WILLKIE, GIVING EVIDENCE YESTERDAY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.



The Commander-in-Chief of the South African Forces, General J. C. Smuts, recently watched a demonstration at an engineer's camp in the Transvaal. He saw the rapid launching of a small box girder bridge and inspected the largest mechanical transport suspension bridge ever built by the South African Engineering Corps while in training. This photograph shows (left to right) The Prime Minister, General J. C. Smuts, Captain E. T. Dobson, O.C. of the Engineers, and Lieut.-General Sir Pierre van Ryneveld, Chief of General Staff. (Copyright, Fox).

JOINT DEFENCE OF CANADA AND UNITED STATES

Complete plans now exist for the joint defence of the United States and Canada.

This was told to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate by Mayor La Guardia, Chairman of the American members of the United States-Canada Defence Board—Reuter.

As an example of immediate aid, Mr. Willkie said that the United States should provide Britain with from five to ten destroyers monthly.

"We should be able to do this directly and swiftly, rather than through the rigmarole of dubious legalistic interpretations.

"Incidentally, if we are to make more destroyers available to Britain we should re-condition them in this country in our own yards."

Mr. Willkie advocated that the proposed aid should be limited to the British Commonwealth, China and Greece.

He gave it as his belief that the policy of isolation would eventually destroy civil liberties in the United States and cause an economic upheaval.

Britain, added Mr. Willkie, would require some time, even with American planes, to obtain superiority in the air.

would be fighting alone in the same war which Britain is now fighting.

Mr. Willkie declared: "For what it may be worth, my belief is that Germany cannot successfully invade Britain. If her Northern ports can be kept open, supply lines can be kept moving.

"I feel confident that Britain will survive the shock of the Spring and Summer campaigns.

"That is also the belief in high quarters in Britain and if Britain can stand through the Summer, the tide will turn.

"Reinforced by our gigantic resources, Britain may be able to achieve that effectiveness which the democratic peoples have temporarily lost."

Not Enough

Mr. Willkie, continuing his testimony, said that in spite of the fifty destroyers already handed over, Britain still needed more.

"Merchant ships are making the crossing of the Atlantic without nearly enough protection. In some cases thirty or forty ships may be protected by only a couple of destroyers," said Mr. Willkie.

Mr. Willkie referred to aid to Britain as meaning, "not to work for Britain, but to work with Britain, to defend the area of freedom. If Britain prevails, the enslaved democracies will survive."

He added that Britain's long-term requirements, such as planes and munitions, were already largely on order in the United States.

America's Effort

"We are building them as fast as we can, but it will be many, many months before our efforts begin to show significant results. Our aeroplane programme, for instance, will not begin to give Britain supremacy until 1942.

"Britain's greatest hazard is the destruction of her shipping."

Telling of what he had seen during his visit to Britain, Mr. Willkie referred to "the piteous and heart-rending" destruction of the northern industrial towns. The damage to productive facilities was, however, small.

If the United States isolates herself, he said, Britain may have the greatest difficulty in surviving.

No man can say this time whether or not Britain can win the war without assistance in supplies, ships and armaments, but we do know that if she is defeated the totalitarian powers will control the world.

They will control not only Europe, but probably most of Africa. They may also control the Atlantic Ocean. Germany would then probably drive either economically or militarily towards Latin-America.

U.S. Prospect

Perhaps Japan would also drive Southwards to the East Indies. Then the United States and Canada would be surrounded by totalitarian powers.

They would so cripple, hinder and infringe upon us that we would be forced to fight.

Time Limit

"Britain may go down if United States' aid is ineffective," declared Mr. Wendell Willkie, who approved of a time limit on the presidential powers imposed by the House of Representatives' amendment.

All modifications, in Mr. Willkie's opinion, should seek to limit the granting of any unnecessary authority by the Bill.

Mr. Willkie added impressively: "I've wanted to see Americans stand united before all the world as a friend of all who fought for democracy; a deposer of all aggressors and despoilers of the democratic way."

For unity's sake, Mr. Willkie urged even opponents of the Bill to approve of it.

This, with the approval of the millions of Americans they represented, would give the nation "the strength of a united people—a strength greater than that of armaments and battleships."

Britain's Greatest Needs

Mr. Wendell Willkie expressed the opinion, in reply to a question, that if England fell to-morrow and Germany got the Royal Navy, the United States would be in the war in a month or two.

Mr. Willkie quoted Mr. Winston Churchill as saying that Britain's greatest needs were destroyers, big bombers and merchantmen.—Reuter.

Hearings Over

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")—The hearings before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate on the Lend-and-Lease Bill, terminated with the evidence of Mr. Wendell Willkie.—International News Service.

A quantity of phosphorus, valued at \$300, was stolen from the Hong Kong Match Factory, No. 88, Kwai Chow Street, between midnight on Monday and 8 a.m. yesterday.

INDIA AFTER THE WAR

"The Statesman," Calcutta, says that behind India's expanding war effort, preparations are proceeding quietly to adjust Indian life to the post-war world order.

Foundations are being laid for powerful future industrial India. There is no tendency to accumulate problems likely to become acute in the post-war industrial expansion.

India's coming ten-year census has not yet been examined giving to preparations of post-war reforms.

Some measures for solving industrial and labour problems are ready while other measures are under close examination.—British Wireless.

INDIAN TROOPS IN THE VAN

The Indian Government states that Indian troops are in a van of operations in Italian East Africa.

Despatches report that sappers and miners are doing exceptionally fine work near Keru.

Undaunted by the commanding positions of the Italians, Indian infantry scaled heights with disconcerting speed and took positions at the point of the bayonet, capturing 700 prisoners.

Advance guard and offensive patrols of Indian mechanised cavalry were considerably successful in their dash and vigour, greatly assisting the speed of advance of the rear troops.—British Wireless.

FORESTRY SUBSIDIES

The Executive Yuan in Chungking yesterday approved the appropriation of \$1,000,000 recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as subsidies to different provinces for the promotion of agriculture and forestry.

A petition submitted jointly by the National Relief Commission and the Chungking Air Defence Headquarters for an additional appropriation for air raid shelters was approved.—Central News.

Italian General Dies

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

(With the British Armies in Africa)

General Berganzoli, the Italian second-in-command, who was captured at Benghazi, paid unreserved tribute to the skilful handling of the British forces in summing up the battle of Benghazi.

Berganzoli told correspondents that he had received orders to smash through the British barrier at all costs.

He made two violent counter-attacks which failed to shake the British cordon and he finally reached the position where his ammunition was running so low that it could last only for a few hours.

General Berganzoli admitted that the fall of Benghazi had sealed the fate of Marshal Graziani.

He revealed that the town was surrendered to one British officer by the Mayor of Benghazi.

General Dies

It was also revealed in Cairo yesterday that an Italian Army commander, wounded in the heavy fighting to the south of Benghazi, has succumbed to his wounds.

General Berganzoli and six other generals are now in Cairo.—International News Service.

WOMAN'S FALL

Gathering up pieces of dry tree branches and twigs on a hillside in Ship Street, near Kennedy Road, at 1 p.m. to-day, a 45-year-old Chinese woman lost her footing and rolled 30 feet down into a nullah.

She suffered a serious wound in the head and has been sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

MISSING CAR FOUND

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Registrar of Supreme Court, has reported that his car, No. 472, missing since Monday, was found in Blue Pool Road yesterday. An electric lamp, valued at \$47, was missing from the car.

CURRENCY BATTLE

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Wardlaw Milne invited a statement on the implications to trade of the four conflicting currencies in Shanghai and the Yangtze basin.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that it was too early to forecast the effect which the Nanking Reserve Bank bank-notes will have on trade but that every attempt to supplant the Chinese National currency in China cannot but do further harm to the interests of all countries concerned in trading with China.—Reuter.

JAPANESE 'PLANES OVER BORDER?

Two Japanese aircraft are alleged to have flown over British territory near the New Territories border yesterday morning.

One of the machines appeared to be out of order. Both planes came from the north-east and flew west of Shumchun, presumably to land at the recently completed landing field between Namtau and Shumchun.

CHAMBER SEEKS FIXING OF PRICES

At a meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce last night, it was decided to request Government, through the offices of the Chinese members of the Legislative Council, to fix the price of firewood as soon as possible.

The Cottage Club will hold its next paper-hunt on Saturday. Details with regard to time and place will be announced later and Club ponies will be drawn for, in accordance with the usual procedure.

Steady Flow Of American Fighter 'Planes To Britain

SHOW UP EXCELLENTLY UNDER TEST

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent, Somewhere In England)

AMERICA'S AIRCRAFT AID TO BRITAIN, CLOSELY KEPT SECRET IN 1940, CAN NOW BE TRACED MORE CLEARLY FROM FACTORIES TO R.A.F. AERODROMES.

The journey's end for war-planes which come across the Atlantic by ship is the Ministry of Aircraft Production station here, while fitters are speeding up the assembly in bomb-proof sheds.

An official confirmed that the flow of these fighters and medium bombers which are not ranged to cross the Atlantic under their own power which was once only a trickle was now a steady flow.

The fighter crates are of two sizes. One contains fuselage under-carriage and engine all in one piece—the other holds the wing assembly.

A forty-minute test flight proves the airworthiness of the plane and after the armament test, it is ready for operational use.

400 Flown Over

Long-range bombers are ferried across the Atlantic by air and while the rate at which any of the aircraft from across the Atlantic is going into service is not revealed, it was recently reported from New York that four-hundred American bombers had been flown across without mishap.

Here I have seen the two famous Curtiss-Wright single-engined fighters—Tomahawk P40 and Mohawk I—shed of their wrappings and assembled.

Many have been sent to squadrons. Equipped as multi-gun aircraft with plenty of kick, the faster of the two—Tomahawk—has been credited in America with speed of over four-hundred miles per hour.

This is probably on the high side but in the first mock combat between American and British fighter planes which I witnessed, the Tomahawk was faster on the level than its rival, a Hawker Hurricane Mark I, which was the chief killer of Goering's Heinkels and Junkers in 1940.

It also climbed more rapidly. I have also inspected, out in the open, two first-rate American types of shore-based naval craft.

To Protect Shores

They were the Grumman Martlet and the Brewster Buffalo. Possessing a high rate of climb and good ceiling they, with others I have mentioned, will play a big part in the protection of Britain's shores this year.

Another aircraft on view was the Douglas Boston, a fighter-bomber which an R.A.F. officer who has flown it describes as "more manoeuvrable and lighter on the control, faster and better on the climb" than the Bristol Blenheim 4.

It resembles a British plane except that it has a tricycle under-carriage—the first R.A.F. plane to be so fitted.

This was the only strictly offensive American plane at this unit, but the types inspected are but a few from a range of over thirty United States types available to Britain which will prove of great value in strengthening the R.A.F. front line at a critical stage of the war.—Reuter.

Reliefs for London Staffs.—Hundreds of members of Ministry of Labour staffs in "quiet areas" have volunteered to go to London to relieve their colleagues there, and plans are being made for clerks from these areas to spend one or two months in London.

KOUFRA OASIS BATTLE

General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Forces, broadcasting in French last night, said: "The intrigues, disputes and changes at Vichy have their terrible consequences because the enemy has had a part in them."

"That is more harmful than the equivocation and obedience in Vichy which keeps the French Mediterranean forces away from any action in the full battle of the Mediterranean."

"That is why the Free French are at present redoubling their efforts in order to make up as far as possible for the deficiency on the part of France to help bring about the victory."

"At this very moment, our troops supported by our air force, are victoriously engaged in the battle in the area of Koufra Oasis in Italian Libya, 600 miles from the frontier of Chad from where they had set out." — Reuter.

CHUNGKING SECRET PLANS REPORTS

PLANS FOR AN IMMINENT JAPANESE MOVE IN HER SOUTHWARD EXPANSION PROGRAMME ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO A REPORT GIVEN PROMINENCE IN THE CHINESE NEWSPAPERS IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY.

The plans are said to have been revealed as a result of a careful study by the Chinese High Command of papers and documents recovered from the wreckage of the Japanese aeroplane shot down on February 5, when Admiral Osumi, member of the Japanese Supreme War Council, was killed in the crash with eight others.

Admiral Osumi at the time was proceeding to Hainan Island to assume the post of Commander-in-Chief of the combined Japanese fleet in the South Seas.

Chinese military authorities refuse to divulge details of the documents which have been brought to Chungking for examination by experts.—Reuter.



These girls employed in a big electrical works manufacturing vital parts for bombers, work through all alarms wearing fibre helmets which have been issued to them, until the spotter gives the 'take-cover' signal, when they go to shelters which have been provided within a second's reach of the work benches. Photo shows the girls at work beside the brick and concrete internal shelters. (Copyright, Fox).

Marion Held By Japanese

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT WAS RELIABLY LEARNED IN SHANGHAI LAST NIGHT THAT THE PANAMA VESSEL "MARION," WHICH DISAPPEARED SOME WEEKS AGO WHILE ON ITS WAY FROM SHANGHAI TO HONG KONG, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE NAVY.

The ship is now at Swatow and may be taken to Formosa in the near future.

Another Panama ship of which nothing has been heard following its departure from Shanghai is the s.s. Anchow. — Our Own Correspondent.

CHINA CLIPPER DELAYED

The "China Clipper" which was scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong yesterday, has been waiting in Los Angeles for termination of unfavourable weather conditions existing between Los Angeles and Honolulu.

The Clipper flew from San Francisco to Los Angeles five days ago as it was anticipated that flying conditions would be more favourable from that port than from the Clipper's usual starting place in San Francisco.

The "China Clipper" departed from Los Angeles yesterday but was forced to return to Los Angeles after being in the air sixteen hours. It is now scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on Wednesday, February 13.

The "California Clipper" is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong a few days following the "China Clipper."

ADMIRAL NOMURA IN WASHINGTON

The new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura arrived in Washington yesterday and was met by officials of the State Department, the Japanese Embassy and local Japanese residents. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

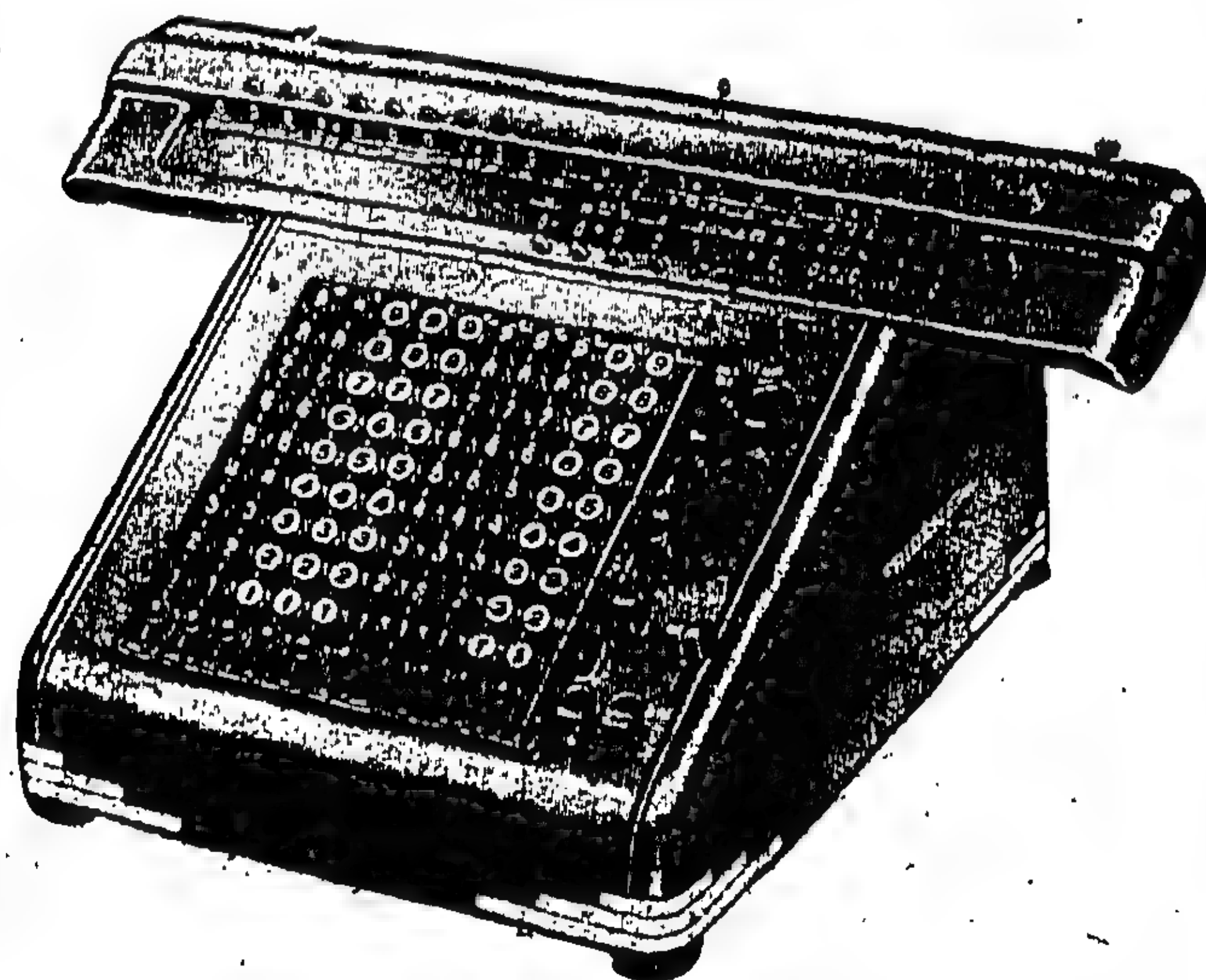
The Royal Observatory reports that pressure has increased very considerably over Manchuria which is now covered by a strong anticyclone. Shallow depressions are situated over Indo-China, the Loochoos and to the North-East of Hokkaido.

JAPANESE DESERT

Twenty Japanese soldiers at Chungsiang on the east bank of the Han River in Hupeh deserted on February 7. Four were shot and killed by other Japanese soldiers who gave chase. Ten surrendered to the Chinese while the rest are missing. — Central News.

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THE LATEST R.A.F. communique from the Middle-East Headquarters contains news of successful raids on Calato, on the island of Rhodes, Tepelini and Duki, while in Italian East Africa, the South African Air Force continues to harass the enemy.

The communique states that during the lull in North Africa, R.A.F. activity has been continued on other fronts.

Heavy bombers again attacked Calato on the island of Rhodes on Monday and dropped several tons of bombs on the aerodrome and the dispersed aircraft around it.

Buildings and aircraft were seen on fire after the explosion of the bombs and it is confirmed that ten aircraft were destroyed, while many others were damaged.

In Albania, buildings at Tepelini and Duki were set on fire by bombs dropped by other R.A.F. bombers.

Air Battle

A large enemy formation composed of bombers and escorted by twenty fighters attempted to attack Jannina on Monday. They were intercepted by a formation of British fighters which shot down two bombers and damaged several others.

It is now confirmed, that as a result of the engagement in the Kelyre area which was announced in a communique on Monday, three further Italian aircraft were destroyed.

In Italian East Africa on Monday, a motor transport yard near the station at Asmara was attacked by British bombers. Stores in a wood near Keren were also bombed and in the same area during the previous day, bombing attacks had been made on railway tracks.

In the Kalan area, native troop concentrations were attacked by a South African Air Force squadron which dive-bombed road-bridges and the pontoon-bridge at Dolo.

The squadron then visited Lugherrandi where they destroyed hangars on the aerodrome.

From all operations our aircraft returned safely.—Seuter.

SOLDIER CLEARED OF WIFE MURDER CHARGE

Ralph Gordon Barstow, a twenty-four-year-old soldier, of Pleasant Street, Preston, was acquitted at Birmingham Assizes on a charge of murdering his wife, Mary, whom he married at Gretna Green three years ago.

The couple had stayed at Birmingham the night the wife was shot and Barstow was said to have told the police he loaded his rifle to have a shot if any bombers came over. It went off as he was unloading it.

Mr. Maurice Healy, K.C., prosecuting, said Barstow's wife had fallen in love with him when she was sixteen or even less and it was a love match. When Barstow was called up last April his wife began to go to public houses and became familiar with men.

After a gun expert had said the gun might have been fired accidentally in the unloading position, Mr. Healy said it would be a great responsibility to ask a jury for a verdict of guilty.

The jury found Barstow not guilty and he was discharged.

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TURKISH MILITARY MISSION

A message from Peshawar states that three officers of the Turkish General Staff have proceeded to Kabul to take up their appointment as new members of the Turkish Military Mission which is imparting military education to Afghan youth.—Reuter.

AWARDS TO H.M.S. KIMBERLEY

THE EXPLOIT OF THE BRITISH DESTROYER H.M.S. "KIMBERLEY," IN TORPEDOING THE ITALIAN DESTROYER "FRANCESCO NULLO" IN THE RED SEA LAST OCTOBER, IN THE ACTION WHICH FOLLOWED AN ENEMY ATTACK ON A BRITISH CONVOY IS RECALLED BY AWARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE LONDON GAZETTE.

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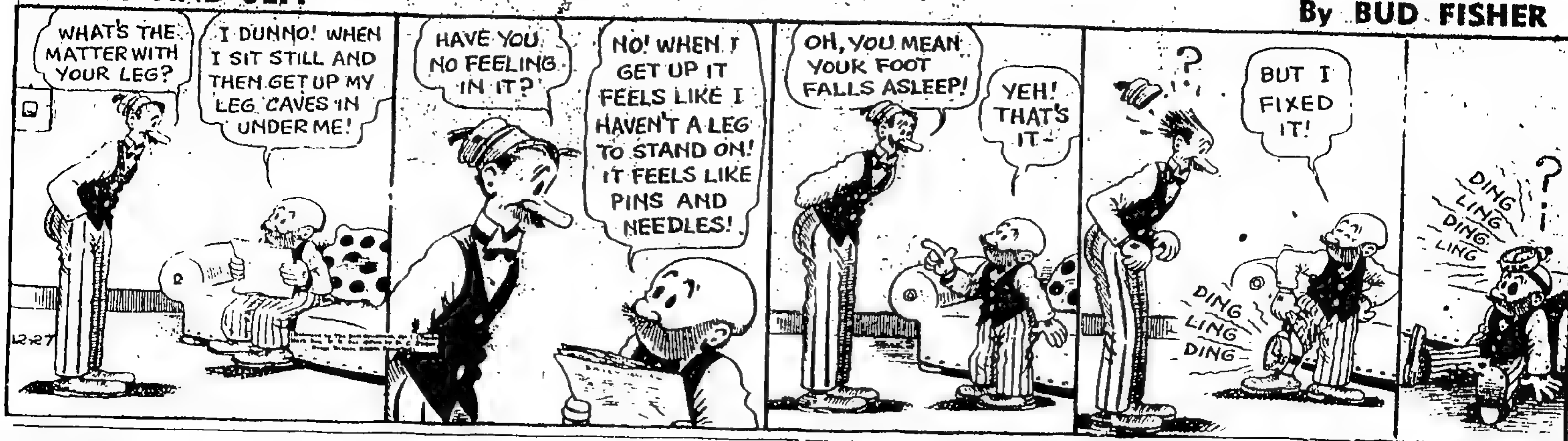
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PRESS AS WEAPON

Mr. J. A. Spender, charter president of the Institute of Journalists, in an address, read in his absence, at the annual meeting of the institute at Leicester, warned the Government of the dangers of excessive caution in the use of censorship.

"Safety first, safety above all for those who are in the firing-line—how can anyone object?" he said. "Yet if from an excess of caution the Censor lets the enemy get a long start with false news, he may have done something which in the longer view will be of serious military disadvantage."

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HITLER TO SAVE MUSSOLINI

The Greek victory over the Italians is now so sensational that it is doubtful whether Germany can abstain from some intervention to save the Axis from ridicule, says Mr. Vernan Bartlett in the "News Chronicle."

Very probably Mussolini acted without that careful sapping and mining which precedes every attack by Hitler. Having hoped for an easy political victory, the Fascists sent their ultimatum to General Metaxas and they are now sacking Italian officers right and left because the Army was not adequately prepared for a political failure.

This will naturally deepen the mutual distrust between the Fascist Party and the Italian Army.

and will weaken the Italian desire to fight Hitler's war.

But Hitler himself will lose prestige if the Italian defeat becomes a rout. Therefore his troop movements are watched with increasing interest.

Bulgaria's Choice

He has in Rumania far more men than are necessary to keep that country under subjection. More can easily be sent now that Hungary has surrendered to the Nazis.

In Bulgaria there are German "tourists" who are believed to have shown great interest in aviation. There may also be German aeroplanes.

Despite the manifest desire of King Boris to keep his country neutral, strong Nazi pressure on him is to be expected.

But it is taken for granted that Turkey will declare war, not only if the Bulgars fight, but also if German troops cross Bulgarian territory. Otherwise she would be endangering her invaluable strip of territory on the European side of the Sea of Marmara.

Germany might be wiser to wait until the spring before making military moves in difficult territory, and in the meantime to carry on Fifth Column work in those territories she covets. But the Italian fiasco leaves little time. Some spectacular action is needed.

To avoid conflict with Turkey it might take place on Yugo-Slav territory. From the heights of Belgrade one looks over the Danube to a flat plain which is inhabited by a large number of Hungarians.

For months past the Germans have been demanding special concessions for the German minority in Yugo-Slavia. Since Hungary signed the Axis pact there is also the Hungarian minority for the Teuton knights to defend. And, by now, all Europe has learnt to fear Hitler's chivalry in defending those whose political interests can possibly be made to tally with his own.

B.W.O.F. DANCE

Sir.—The Committee of the B.W.O.F. would like to express its gratitude to all those who were in any way concerned in making the Dance held at the Peninsula Hotel on January 31 so outstanding a success.

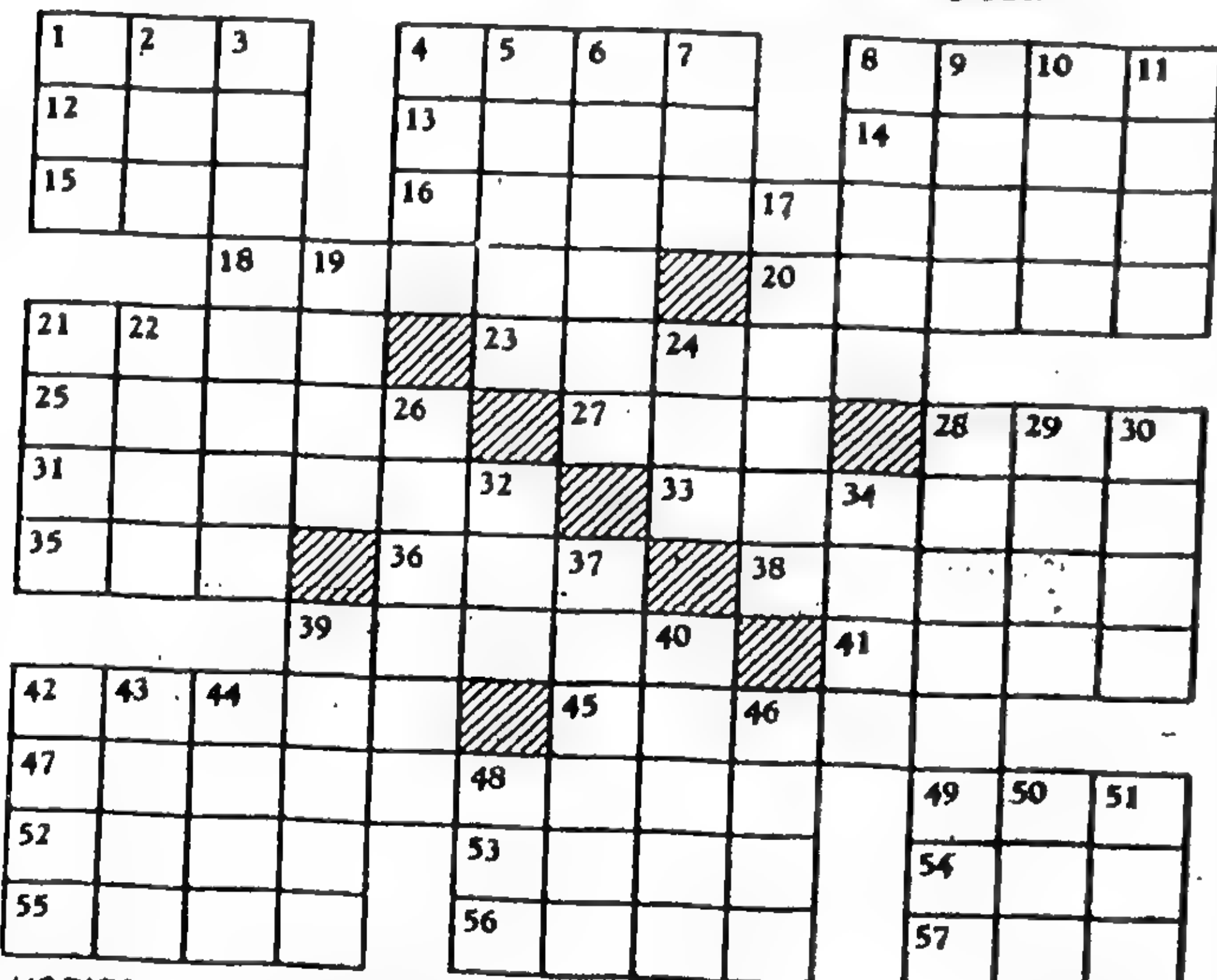
Through the generosity and hard work of so many people a sum of approximately \$12,000 was added to the Fund, more than enough to pay for the whole of the first consignment of comforts and hospital necessities asked for by the Red Cross for the Middle East, a part of the world which is just now urgently in need of all the help the War Organisations can give.

Calls on the purse here have been particularly heavy this month, and the Committee feels that such a very generous response is especially gratifying. In particular, thanks are due to the Management of the Peninsula Hotel for their very efficient organisation.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) (Mrs.) K. K. Edmondston,
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Passenger Drove Tram.—A passenger who tried to drive a tram during an air raid in a West Midland town, after the rest of the passengers had taken shelter, was fined £2, and 25s. costs for interfering with the controls. His excuse was that he wanted to get home.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Grampus
- 4 Plane surface
- 8 Thin strip of wood
- 12 Card game
- 13 Not so much
- 14 Drug plant
- 15 Grass beard
- 16 Thick-skinned animal
- 18 Genus of wasps
- 20 Tribes
- 21 American patriot
- 23 A spike-hole
- 25 Division of a poem
- 27 Sooner than
- 28 Wager
- 31 Cleft
- 33 To come into view
- 35 Malt beverage
- 36 Marble
- 38 Savour
- 39 Danger
- 41 To try
- 42 Roman matron's garment
- 43 To 'snoy
- 47 Father of Hannibal (var.)

VERTICAL

- 1 Palm leaf
- 2 Rumpus
- 3 To persuade
- 4 European mountain range
- 5 Harvest
- 6 To flee
- 7 Ember
- 8 Large spoon

9 Appellation of Athens

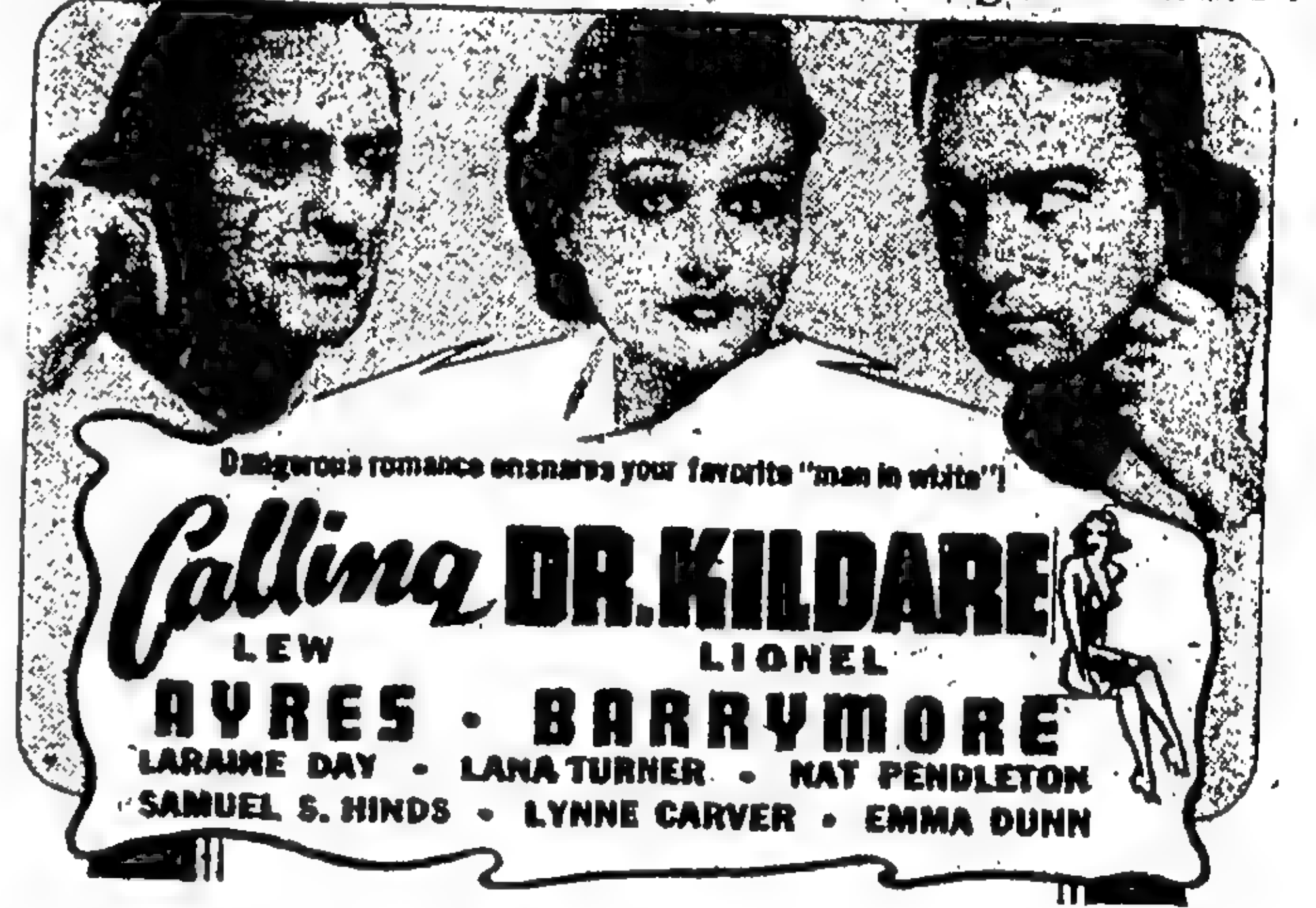
- 10 Ripped
- 11 Surrounds
- 17 Archaic name
- 19 Noted Italian family
- 21 African herb
- 22 Chinese money
- 24 Babylonian deity
- 25 Bony
- 28 Was proper to
- 29 Devours
- 30 Allowance for waste
- 32 Sparoid fish
- 34 Hits lightly
- 37 To shrivel
- 39 Roman orator
- 40 To rent
- 42 Eldest son of Noah
- 43 Ancient Irish capital
- 44 To leave out
- 46 War god
- 48 Cry of the dove
- 50 Anglo-Saxon money
- 51 Pale

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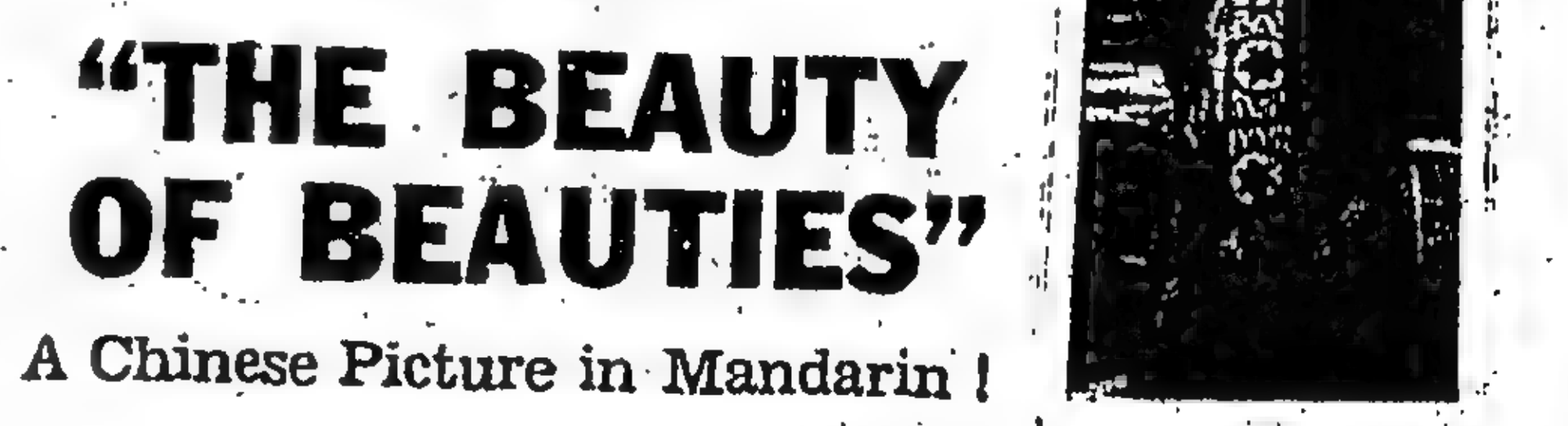
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GANDHI DEFENDS NON-VIOLENCE POLICY

VINOBA BHAVE, Gandhi's first choice for the "Satyagrahi" stated in court that it was libelling Congress to say its resistance was an aid to the Totalitarian powers.

If Congress resists British imperialism, it resists more forcibly the Totalitarian powers.

He said that Congress resistance was wholly non-violent. If the whole of India followed the Congress lead the word strife would automatically end, said Bhave. But Congress cannot abandon its sacred mission for fear of failing to convert the whole of India.

Mr. Gandhi, writing to newspaper editors, claims that his efforts are true efforts to end all war and therefore in no way anti-British or pro-German.

He appealed to the press not to succumb to the gag but to publish the "Satyagrahi" news fully.

False And Cruel

Spread of un-adulterated non-violence could do no harm.

"It is false and cruel to suggest," he said, "I can have anything in common with the Nazi or fascist because I happen to oppose British Imperialism."

The Newspaper Editors' Conference Standing Committee unanimously passed the following resolution: The Government having no desire to suppress Mr. Gandhi's statements, the Committee assured Mr. Gandhi it would welcome the re-appearance of "Harijan," his weekly newspaper.

The Committee also passed a resolution that the Indian Press was wholly opposed to the Totalitarians and had no intention of hindering the war effort, and reaffirmed its determination to give legitimate publicity to the country's political movements.

Assurance Wanted

The Hindustan Mahasabha general secretary said: "We want Britain to win, but demand an assurance that India will be self-governing after the war."

Mr. Gandhi says that students cannot afford to have party politics and must not dabble in strikes without reference to him.

The Pro-Congress "Hindustan Times" says:

To-day's Abyssinian army is amply and well supplied with weapons thanks to British help.

The good wishes of the whole world will go to Haile Selassie in his difficult enterprise.

Hitler's speech on January, says the paper, was bad propaganda and worse diplomacy.

Hitler's word and promises have ceased to count. — British Wireless.

INDO-CEYLON DIFFERENCES

Fundamental differences on the question of the status of Indian residents in Ceylon led to the failure of the Indo-Ceylon Exploratory Conference last November, explains an official New Delhi communique.

Informed circles believe that the failure is not regarded by either side as final, but events in the near future may make fresh approaches, for reconciliation, of outstanding differences feasible. — Reuter.

PUNJAB DELIGHTED BY BENGHAZI

The Punjab Assembly at Lahore has passed a resolution to send warmest congratulations to General Wavell and the Army of the Nile and the sister services on the magnificent victory achieved at Benghazi.

The resolution reiterated the assurance that the Punjab "will continue to give her best men and material for the achievement of final victory." — Reuter.

The Indian Army Ordnance Corps which stocks anything from a pin to a tank is almost entirely manned by Indians. Tribute is paid to their high training and cheerfulness in spite of the long hours of work. — British Wireless.

LAWYER MAY BE B.B.C. CHIEF

Sir Walter Monckton, K. C., regarded in well-informed quarters as a likely successor to Mr. F. W. Ogilvie as Director-General of the B.B.C. Sir Walter is now deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Information.

As already foreshadowed a change in the direction of the B.B.C. is to be made to introduce a greater measure of Government control, especially in the field of broadcasting to foreign countries.

Sir Walter has been connected with the Ministry of Information and the Press and Censorship Bureau since early in the war. Some months ago he was given the status of a Foreign Office Under-Secretary to act as liaison officer between the Ministry of Information and the Foreign Office.

In some quarters the name of Mr. Frank Pick, the Director-General of the Ministry of Information, is canvassed as a possible choice for the B.B.C. post. He has recently completed the re-organisation of his department.

The suggestion that a Cabinet Minister will be transferred from a Whitehall department to run the B.B.C. is regarded in well-informed quarters as being entirely without foundation.

It is understood that the appointment to the B.B.C. post rests with the Prime Minister.

BURIED HIS IRON CROSS

After his Messerschmidt 109 had been shot down by R.A.F. fighters over East Kent the pilot stepped out unhurt and was seen by a civilian to bury something in the field close to his wrecked plane. The German, a warrant officer wearing the Iron Cross ribbon on his tunic, later removed from the hole an Iron Cross of the first class. It is believed that he concealed the medal to hide his identity.

DEADLOCK IN INDIA

Bengal Radio reports that the Democratic Conference has resolved to mobilise all resources to pursue the programme initiated by Mr. M. N. Roy, while the Combined South Indian Christian Conference has declared emphatic opposition to Nazism and Fascism and has requested Government facilities to enable their young men to enter the fighting services.

The Conference also urged the Government to initiate the solving of the political dead-lock. — British Wireless.

HUNGHOM RICE SHOP MURDER

THE MURDER OF THE mistress of a rice shop in Hunghom in October last was recalled by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Solicitor, before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning when Lo Hing, 26, was charged with the unlawful killing of Ho Sau-tsan, widow.

Outlining the case, Mr. Murphy, said deceased, aged about 37, was the owner of the Chau Foon Rice Shop, No. 54, Wuhu Street, ground floor. She was found lying in a pool of blood on a canvas bed behind sacks of rice in the shop at about 6 a.m. on October 26 by her two nieces, who slept in a cubicle at the rear of the premises.

There were about 20 wounds on the woman's head, arms and body, which was covered with a blanket and several empty rice sacks. Death was due to multiple internal wounds and haemorrhage.

The woman, continued Crown Counsel, was last seen by a fokl at 10.30 p.m. the previous night. She was sitting in the shop when he finished his work and left the premises.

A butcher's knife and several keys were found on the ground not far from the bed.

The Crown alleged that accused, when arrested, admitted he had been in the shop to take revenge on the woman by whom he had been previously employed.

In view of his statement, accused, submitted Crown Counsel, was guilty of the murder of the woman, whether his motive was revenge or for some other purpose.

Evidence was given by Dr. H. H. Tai, medical officer of Kowloon Public Mortuary, after which the case was adjourned.

The following forthcoming marriage is announced: Mr. Lam Kui Gee, clerk, of No. 111 Jaffe Road, to Miss Leung Kui Ying, of No. 40, Hennessy Road.

THIEF IN THE NIGHT

WHILE PATROLLING IN AN ALLEYWAY BEHIND NO. 5, HANKOW ROAD EARLY THIS MORNING, CHINESE SUB-INSPECTOR HUI HUNG-CHUNG NOTICED THAT SOMEONE WAS MOVING IN THE DARK IN THE HOUSE.

The police officer flashed his torch into the house and later arrested a burglar, who had broken into the premises by cutting the window bars with a hacksaw.

Before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning, Wong Kin, 27, charged with breaking into Dayaram's Silk Store, No. 5, Hankow Road, and with possession of a hacksaw for an unlawful purpose, was remanded three days in police custody.

REGISTRY WEDDING

At the Supreme Court Registry this afternoon, a marriage ceremony was held before Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy-Registrar of Marriages, between Mr. Chan Tin Kwok, merchant, of No. 384 Queen's Road Central and Miss Fung Po Ching, of No. 30, Square Street.



JAPAN'S DREAMS

Intimations that Germany is trying to use Japan as a means of intimidating the United States and that Japan is becoming increasingly disposed towards adventures to the South have been pointed by plain British warning that London is not unaware of what is going on and not likely to be caught unprepared for action to meet it.

It is a long time since such a plain statement has come from London for Japan's special benefit and Mr. Matsuoka's plea to America to "think twice" before "taking a leap" might be boomeranged with a recommendation that Japan indulge in some second thoughts.

Japan is an impressionable and imitative country. Its policies and actions reflect quickly the changes on the European and on the world political stages. After the fall of France almost everyone in Japan was convinced that Germany would win the war with little delay. There was a wild scramble to get on the Axis bandwagon, ideologically and otherwise. Political parties fell over each other in the rush for self-dissolution. Organisations which seemed out of place in a totalitarian state, Rotary Clubs, the Salvation Army, a women's suffrage association either passed out of existence or were reorganised on a strictly national basis.

The climax of this Axis orientation was the signing of the tripartite pact on September 27. But things have not gone according to Japanese calculations. England has not collapsed. The United States has not been frightened into curtailing help for England. One of the Axis powers, Italy, has taken hard knocks in Albania and has been utterly defeated in Egypt.

There is the further fact that Japan stands to lose more from a cessation of trade relations.

Japan has not enriched itself from its conquests as has Germany, which has acquired as spoils of war large quantities of oil, copper, foodstuffs and raw materials, besides shipbuilding yards, factories and mines. There are valuable mineral and agricultural resources in Japanese-occupied China; but they require for development and exploitation two conditions which Japan has not been able to fulfill: Maintenance of order in the hinterland as well as in the large towns,

Winter "Blitz" In The Balkans Unlikely

Vernon Bartlett writes in the "News Chronicle"—

We have too high an opinion of Hitler's cunning to be impressed by the many reports of German troop movements in the Balkans.

The greater the number of sources from which the news comes, the more probable it is that the Nazis are carrying out a manoeuvre in their war of nerves.

The man who can make his complicated arrangements for the invasion of Norway in such secrecy is not likely to allow his plans to be shouted from the rooftops.

Winter weather will inevitably slow down the Greek advance in Albania and, in any case, the British have already been enabled by Mussolini's blunder to establish valuable island bases in the Aegean Sea.

It is therefore not clear why Hitler should attack at this moment. If he waits until spring he would benefit from his great superiority in mechanised transport and from the use of the Danube which is frozen up for winter.

If, in fact, a winter campaign is planned, the only obvious explanation of it is that either Hitler is growing short of oil or that Mussolini is unable to carry on the war without some success with which to keep his people quiet.

Growing Strength of Abyssinian Rebels

As the British victories in North Africa are consolidated, news of increased activity in Abyssinia against the Italians comes through Nairobi.

"The Times" Correspondent there gives these details: I learned to-day from most reliable sources some details of the growth and organisation of the revolt against the Italians in Southern Abyssinia. There are now many

thousands of Abyssinians actively opposing Italian Rule. The ground was prepared with care. The leaders of guerilla or Shifita bands operating since the Italian conquest have been crossing the border at the risk of their lives for several months to make contact with the British authorities who have given them all encouragement. They have recently been joined by many important and influential Abyssinians, chiefly landowners and peasants who have been dispossessed, and by an increasing number of deserters, especially Amharas, from the Italian service. In many areas the Italians are afraid to move unless with a heavily armed escort.

The insurgents are particularly successful in attacking convoys and one case is quoted in which 15 lorries were destroyed. They have recently extended their activities to assaults on Italian posts, and on one occasion returned with a large herd of cattle. Until recently the main difficulty was the ancient character of their rifles and ammunition. The only means of remedying this was raids. They brought to Kenya evidence of their success in the form of Italian officers' uniforms, band equipment and official documents. Several instances are recorded of recent large-scale encounters. On the road south from Addis Ababa Shifita ambushed two companies of colonial infantry, claiming 80 dead (including four Italians) and 60 captured with rifles. An Italian attempt to punish the elusive Shifita failed. A whole battalion was lured into a forest where 50 were killed.

A car was attacked near Javelo and three occupants killed, including Carlo Luna, Provincial Commissioner for the Maji Mega area. Shifita bands are developing a successful guerilla technique which reduces losses to a minimum. They have also been useful

in spreading information and in this connection thousands of pamphlets have been dropped by the South African Air Force. There is ample evidence that many thousands of Abyssinians, who are rapidly becoming better armed, are preparing for the day of reckoning with Italy.

Nazi Broadcaster's Warning to Vichy

The New York correspondent of "The Times" cables:—

Dispatches from Vichy indicate that there is strong German dissatisfaction with the progress of Franco-German collaboration since Laval was ousted from the Vichy Government and there is even a possibility that collaboration is about to collapse.

Laval's close friend Marcel Deat, Editor of the "L'Oeuvre" again in that newspaper berated the "men of Vichy" who he asserted were attempting under orders from Marshal Petain to provoke the Germans into violating the Hitler-Petain agreement reached at Montoire. He intimated that they had deliberately organised a scarcity of food so that one day the "bad tempers" of the people of Paris and its suburbs would "burst out and bring about incidents that would provoke intervention by the occupying troops." That would be a fine day for the adversaries of collaboration, he declared.

The German Wireless Station at Stuttgart has warned the French people that even if the Reynauds, Daladiers and "other boasters at the Belleville prison" were punished "the French people will not thereby extinguish before history their debt" and that they could not escape their share of responsibility for the war. Nevertheless they were being offered the opportunity to "redeem their errors."

If France were not to be excluded from the list of nations which were organising a "real peace" the French must "associate themselves to-day with the work of collaboration for the renovation of Europe to which their conquerors have so generously invited them." The broadcaster declared significantly that the "German Army is doing the impossible to-day in order that its presence in France should not produce any friction," and that it was the duty of Frenchmen to say their mea culpa for the sins they have committed and to promise to "collaborate without reticence with the other nations of the European Continent."

Laval, since his release from arrest was obtained from Marshal Petain by the intervention of Abetz, the German Ambassador, has become increasingly arrogant, it is reported, and makes little or no effort to conceal his contempt for Marshal Petain.

The "Daily Telegraph" New York Correspondent cables:—

As one examines the position of the United States as a non-belligerent ally of Great Britain, it is impossible not to be impressed by the great changes which have taken place in American public opinion.

Twelve months ago, asserts the magazine "Fortune" in a survey appearing in its January issue, the attitude of the people of the United States to the rest of the world was one of detached awareness which found expression in such remarks as "well they're in the same old jam again over there—may be this time they can get along without us."

"As the year ended," says "Fortune," "the shift in their mood had proceeded so far that it appeared to have become an irreversible reaction." To-day the American people stand foursquare behind Great Britain. They are determined to do everything that lies within their power to help the British people to defeat Hitler. They still hope this will not involve fighting, but they are prepared to fight if necessary.

So solidly is the nation committed to the axiom that Nazism must be defeated that it is difficult to see how the groups who are opposing the policy of aiding Britain can do more than employ delaying tactics.

Italian Attitude To Badoglio

The "Daily Telegraph" Lisbon Correspondent cables:—

Increasing numbers of Italians are looking to Marshal Badoglio, late Chief of the Italian General Staff, as the man of the future. He is regarded as the one outstanding leader who is not compromised, either politically or in a military sense by the reverses in Libya and Albania.

It is commonly believed in Italy that he warned Mussolini beforehand of the magnitude of the Greek undertaking. Il Duce replied that the Greeks would offer only token resistance and the campaign would be a walkover. Therefore he sent only about a quarter of the troops Badoglio declared to be necessary.

Whether this was the reason for Badoglio's resignation is less important than the fact that many Italians believe it to be. His prestige increases rather than declines as a result of successive military reverses.

By many he is regarded as the only man capable of saving Italy from the threatening disaster. It is believed he would be ready if events called him.

In the eyes of the public, Ciano, the Foreign Minister shares with his father-in-law Mussolini the blame for the Greek fiasco. Indeed he is believed in many quarters to be the instigator of the disastrous adventure.

While Badoglio is their chief hope the Italians are aware that the Nazis may have quite a different idea of Italy's future. Large numbers of German officers are now in Rome, ostensibly as technical advisers of the Italian army. German aircraft are also much in evidence and are daily flying low over Rome.

Travellers who left Milan a few days ago report, however, that there was then no sign of German military activity in Northern Italy. All observers bear witness to the great unpopularity of the war among all classes in Italy.

New British Giant

The King George V, latest and probably most powerful of British battleships, is one of nine new British battleships, the first of them just commencing to join the fleet.

The King George V, built by Vickers-Armstrongs on the Tyne, was laid down with her sister-ship, the Prince of Wales, on Jan. 1, 1937, one day after the expiration of the treaties limiting naval armaments, which were denounced by Japan. She was launched February 21, 1939, and it had been expected that both she and the Prince of Wales would be completed early in 1940. Battleships normally require about forty-eight months or longer in the building, but not all of this time is time on the ways; before

their keel is laid perhaps a year is required for design and drafting work, ordering of material, etc. After they are water-borne about another year is necessary for installation of superstructure, guns, etc., and final completion.

Ordinarily in time of war this construction period can be reduced

By Hanson W. Baldwin

somewhat by intensive work and twenty-four-hour shifts, but the King George V, ready to join the fleet and probably on a "shake-down cruise" preparatory to active operations was somewhat delayed in completion. She was commissioned some months ago, but some minor changes were probably made, minor defects remedied, and other alterations made as a result of war lessons and she was not finally completed, it is believed, until recently.

The delay in completion was a deliberate one. Great Britain did not primarily require battleship reinforcements to her fleet. Her great need was, and is, for light vessels, particularly destroyers and escort and patrol vessels, and priority was given to the construction of merchantmen and to the repair of damaged vessels.

The Prince of Wales probably already has been commissioned. It is likely she will be ready for active service early this year. The three others of the same class—the Duke of York, Jellicoe and Beatty—should be along later this year. Four other battleships of the Lion class, to displace somewhat more than 40,000 tons and to be armed with 16-inch guns, probably eight or nine of them, were not laid down until 1939 and will not be ready before 1943 or 1944.

The King George V replaces the battleship Royal Oak, sunk in the early days of the war at Scapa Flow by a German submarine. She and the Prince of Wales increase the British battleship fleet to sixteen (one or two of which, however, may be under repair for damage, probably minor). Britain now compares in battleship strength with the Axis powers as follows:

Two new German ships of the Bismarck class of 37,500 tons (or

35,000 tons) armed with eight 15-inch guns probably have just been completed, or shortly will be and Germany also has the modern 26,000-ton Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, armed with nine 11-inch guns.

At least two of the Italian ships are probably in drydock as a result of Britain's Taranto raid, and since Britain's ships are more or less homogeneous units, the British superiority in battleship strength is greater than the figures imply. Moreover, it is likely to increase, since the next three British battleships will be completed soon, long before the four Axis ships now on the ways which are still far from completion.

In quality it is difficult to compare the new British King George V class with the Bismarck and the Italian Littorio, since exact characteristics are not known. Photographs taken in the Chesapeake show a battleship whose general hull structure seems of typical British design—rugged, workmanlike.

The King George V class have ten 14-inch guns in their main battery, a feature that was considerably criticised in England, since all of the new battleships of other powers are armed with larger guns. The main battery arrangement is novel for British ships, with the guns emplaced in two extraordinarily wide quadruple turrets, one forward and one aft, and in one two-gun turret, forward and firing above the quadruple turret. The photographs also show sixteen 5.25-inch guns—eight to a broadside, arranged in double turrets, and useable against surface or air targets.

Particularly noticeable in the photographs are the large number of small calibre, quick-firing anti-aircraft guns scattered about the ship. One of them appears to be an accurate barreled Vickers pom-pom, having eight guns on the one mount instead of four. Others of a somewhat more novel type seem to be multiple barreled heavy machine-guns, apparently twenty barrels on one mount, and there are four such mounts discernible in the photographs.

As to planes, it is possible she carries two or three between the stacks, launched on one of the typical British deck catapults. Her reported speed is better than thirty knots.

ACUTE TENSION IN BALKANS

Greek Women And Children Leaving Bulgaria

U.S. VISITOR'S ADVENTURE

A United States observer with the R.A.F., who was trying a Spitfire, shot down a German plane, according to an article in "Time".

The American, whose name is not disclosed, was visiting a station of the Fighter Command on a quiet day, when he was invited to take a flight over the aerodrome. He was followed by another Spitfire, he went up and was flying peacefully when a group of Messerschmidts appeared.

The British pilot naturally accepted the challenge, but the American, in the interest of neutrality, tactfully tried to retire. He was, however, pursued by one of the Nazi pilots.

"When bullets began to nip past him," an article states, "the American abandoned neutrality, flipped over his plane, got the Nazi in his sights, pressed the gun button, and bagged one Messerschmidt fighter for the armed forces of the United States."

It is emphasized that the United States Government has no official knowledge of this engagement.

Anxiety Growing In Bucharest

SIR REGINALD HOARE, BRITISH MINISTER IN BUCHAREST, AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGATION AND CONSULAR STAFFS, ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE RUMANIA BY SPECIAL STEAMER ON SATURDAY.

It is understood that the personnel of certain allied missions will leave with them, the party consisting of about 50 British civilians.

Reports that the Turkish and Greek Legations are also preparing to leave are denied.

The rupture of diplomatic relations with Great Britain has not been mentioned either in the Rumanian press or on the wireless, but the news has spread among the public, and, following rapidly the instructions to observe a general black-out, has induced an atmosphere of tension and anxiety.

As General Antonescu was indisposed on Monday, Sir Reginald Hoare handed the Note announcing Britain's decision, to M. Crepianu, a high official at the Foreign Office.

Advice In Sofia

GREEK WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN BULGARIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE GREEK LEGATION IN SOFIA TO RETURN TO GREECE, STATES A SOFIA DESPATCH TO THE OFFICIAL FRENCH NEWS AGENCY IN VICHY.

THE ADVICE IS GIVEN AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST EVENTUAL COMPLICATIONS IN THE BALKAN SITUATION. — REUTER.

Rumanian Envoy Asks For Passports

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that the Rumanian Legation in London has now received instructions to ask for its passports. The Rumanian Charge d'Affaires called yesterday afternoon at the Foreign Office to make a formal application.

Nothing definite has yet been arranged with regard to the Rumanian Mission's departure. — Reuter.

Black-Out Warning

A Bucharest despatch to the newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" states that black-out has been ordered in all big towns in Rumania and also in the oil-fields. — Reuter.

More than 30 Junkers and 52 troop-carrying planes flew over Budapest at midday yesterday in the direction of the Rumanian frontier.

Telephone communication with Rumania is cut off. — Reuter.

BLACK-OUT DEATH RIDDLE

Two men lying seriously injured in a London hospital may hold the clue to the death of their workmate. Scotland Yard is investigating the case.

Frederick Mitchell, thirty-six, yard foreman, employed by George Wimpey and Co., Ltd., contractors, was found dead in an office of the company under a railway arch in The Grove, Hammersmith, London, W. He had been battered on the head with an instrument which has not yet been found.

The other two men, employed by the same firm, Wilfred John Dyer, thirty-eight, of Eltham Street, Lee Green, and Harry Jameson, thirty-two, of Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire, Scotland, had head injuries. Their condition was unchanged.

An air raid warden, seeing a light from the open door of the office early in the morning, found the three men lying on the floor.

An air raid was in progress at the time.

As the office had been broken into, one theory is that the intruder had not suspected the presence of the three men and that he attacked them.

BALKAN TRAIN SMASH

Eight people were killed and many injured when a train, including forty oil tanks and cars destined for Germany, was derailed at midnight near the Bulgarian frontier station of Dragoman, about half a mile from the Yugoslav frontier.

An authoritative Bulgarian statement says that the train was taking a gradient at too high a speed.

Fires broke out causing heavy damage both to the train and the line, a large section of which was destroyed. Traffic is temporarily suspended. — Reuter.

PAID TOO MUCH FOR EGGS

Mr. G. C. Frampton, of Messrs. Frampton and Sons, licensed egg packers, of Somerset, who were fined £5 at Taunton for buying five dozen eggs at a halfpenny a dozen more than the maximum wholesale price fixed by the Ministry of Food, told the Bench that for some years he had been a member of the Government Advisory Committee for Egg-marketing.

"Everybody is clamouring for eggs to-day," he said, "and butchers, bakers and others are buying, with the result that we are losing customers wholesale. We know perfectly well that they are paying more than we are allowed to pay. It is a very serious matter to us, because it is our livelihood."

Mr. Frampton alleged that the prosecution was brought at the instigation of their competitors.

A Ministry inspector said that to pay more than the maximum price for eggs was unfair to those who observed the regulations, and they regarded the principle as very important.

FRANCO MAY SEE PETAIN

According to reliable reports reaching London, General Franco, and his Foreign Minister, Senor Suner, have left Madrid for France en route for Italy, where, it is stated, they will meet Mussolini.

It is also reported to be possible that they will have an opportunity of talking with Marshal Petain, who has left Vichy for Villeneuve Loubet, near Cannes, for a few days' rest. — British Wireless.

"GREAT AIR BLOW AT BRITAIN"

A letter in which the writer, Hans Schmidt, of Chicago, predicts that Hitler will launch a terrific air attack on England soon is published by the "New York Times."

In a leading article, the newspaper asserts the suggestion comes from a source known to tap a centre of information within Germany which has proved reliable in the past, and says that if correct, it would explain Hitler's apparent indifference to the reverses suffered by his minor partner in Southern Europe.

"All reports coming out of Germany agree that deep gloom has taken possession of the population," writes Schmidt. "The feeling of hopelessness bordering in many instances on despair seems to exceed the dark pessimism I observed all over Germany last winter. With many people the longing for an alternative to Hitler is taking on the character of almost religious and mystical nostalgia."

"Nevertheless let there be no doubt, the exceedingly small and exceedingly hard group of Nazis who govern the German people is still confident of total victory. As long as this confidence remains unshaken the overthrow of the Hitler regime by more responsible elements remains very unlikely."

"Towards the end of winter, possibly as early as February, the Nazi air force will be reorganised and strengthened to such an extent that an out and out aerial offensive against the British Isles can be undertaken. If this succeeds, invasion, in the eyes of the Nazi strategists, amounts only to a mopping up operation that will immediately follow the air blitzkrieg."

POSE AS AIR OFFICER ALLEGED

When Lewis Henry Dew (45), company director, of Portchester Place, Bayswater, W. was accused, at Marlborough Street, of posing as an R.A.F. wing commander, he asked to be allowed to speak to a Miss —, "a friend of mine."

Asked by the Magistrate if it was on business, he replied: "I just want to apologise for this humiliation."

His request was refused.

Detective-sergeant Cyril Green said he saw Dew in a car in Wardour Street, W., and told him he would arrest him on the charge.


On arriving at Marlborough Street police station he said he did not quite understand, and the officer repeated the charge.

He then replied: "Good Lord! That started years ago, and I have been unable to drop it since."

In his possession the officer said he found a number of papers, including letters addressed to "Commander Dew."

Dew was remanded.

Fourteen cases of tuberculosis, three of chicken-pox, two of typhoid and one of dysentery, were reported to the Health Authorities yesterday.



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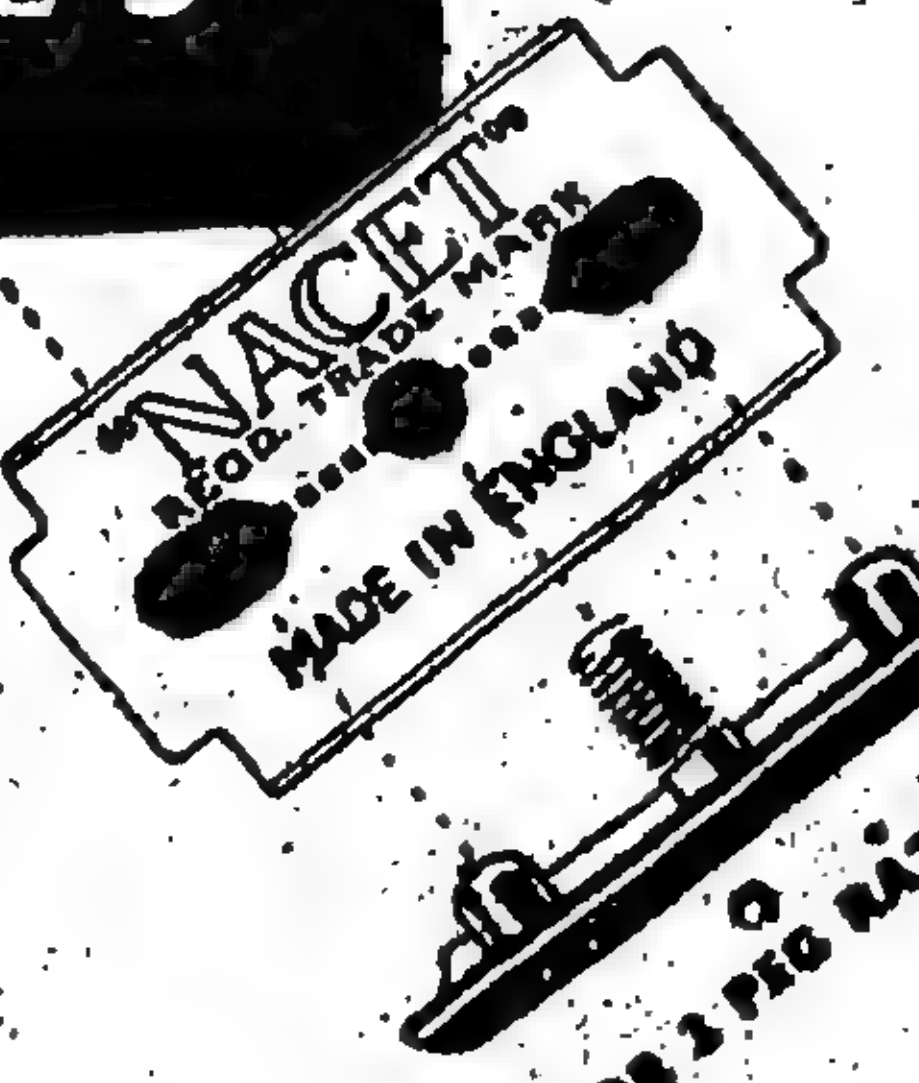
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BRITAIN DEVELOPS AIR RAID SHELTER FOR INSIDE HOUSE

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT have succeeded in achieving a satisfactory design for London home shelters and are to make a free issue in certain areas to people with incomes below £350 a year. A proportion of such shelters will be on sale.

Announcing this in the Commons yesterday, the Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, Mr. Herbert Morrison, said "The course of events in the past few months has given strong emphasis to the advantages of shelter in the home.

It achieves not only a degree of safety, but warmth and dryness and avoidance of the dislocation of the family. Experience of the effect of bombing has shown that houses afford more protection than was at one time supposed. We have, therefore, turned to the question of designing a shelter suitable for installation indoors which should afford protection against the consequences of being pinned under the debris of a house brought down by a bomb exploding near it."

Mr. Morrison said that the shelter decided upon was designed for installation on the lowest floor of a house of two or three storeys and would accommodate two adults and one older child or two younger children.

Priority Areas

It would not be practicable in the early stage of distribution to cover anything like the whole country and he had, accordingly, in consultation with Regional Commissioners, selected a number of areas to which priority would be given.

In answer to a question, Mr. Morrison said that the new indoor shelters were not yet in production but would be by the end of March.

He added that while the income limit for free distribution of shelters was formerly £250, it had been decided to increase it to £350.

Can Be Used As A Table

Describing the Government's new home shelters in a broadcast, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, said: "Our experts have produced a strong steel structure for inside the house. You can use it as a table for meals or work, so that the whole room is not put out of action."

At night screens hook on to the sides. There is the added protection of the house walls, a steel top to support debris and a means of escape through detachable ends and sides.

The table shelter has been so designed that householders can put it together themselves with a spanner and a hammer — important because there is no labour to spare for erecting."

Miss Wilkinson added that the shelters could only be produced to the extent of half of the steel allotted by the production executive.

Regarding big shelters, she gave as her opinion that the worst problems in this connection were over. — British Wireless.

ATTEMPT TO ROB A STATUE

An attempt to remove the bronze plate on a Royal statue at Statue Square was made early this morning.

A Chinese constable on patrol this morning found that three of the four screws had been removed.

RESCUE OF YOUNG GIRL

THAT YOUNG GIRLS ARE PURCHASED BY BROTHEL KEEPERS IN THE COLONY AND KEPT UNTIL THEY REACH THE AGE OF PUBERTY, WAS ALLEGED BEFORE MR. K. M. A. BARNETT THIS MORNING WHEN CHEUNG WUN, 53, WIDOW, OF NO. 53, RECLAMATION STREET, WAS CHARGED WITH HARBOURING A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL BETWEEN OCTOBER 29 LAST AND FEBRUARY 11 WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF HER FATHER.

Accused, who pleaded guilty, and who admitted she bought the girl for prostitution, was fined \$250 or four months' hard labour.

Inspector Moreton, of the S.C.A., said the girl was brought down from Canton in October last by a woman, who had not been traced, and sold for \$90.

After the transaction, accused warned the girl that she must later practise prostitution.

The girl's father, upon being informed of her disappearance from Canton, had reported to the police and enabled the rescue of his daughter from the house while she was still intact.

BASUTOLAND COMMISSIONER

The Dominions Secretary announces that Sir Edward Harding has been appointed H.M. High Commissioner for Basutoland Protectorate and Swaziland. — British Wireless.

GOERING HOLDS HIS HORDES OFF

Regarding enemy air activity over Britain yesterday, an official communique states: "There is nothing to report." — British Wireless.

CALCUTTA VICTORY HOLIDAY

In celebration of the fall of Benghazi, schools and colleges in Calcutta will take a holiday today. — Reuter.

INDIA'S BUDGET

The Budget Session of the Central Assembly opened yesterday in New Delhi. — Reuter.

"The British War Organisation Fund wishes to thank the Middlesex Regiment for their donation of \$1,000 collected by all Ranks."

ITALIAN POSITION STORMED

A communique issued from General de Gaulle's headquarters in London states: "Our forces from Chad, supported by our air force, are continuing their successful operations in Southern Libya."

A motorised column under the command of Colonel Leclerc has gained ground by taking several positions in the Koufra area.

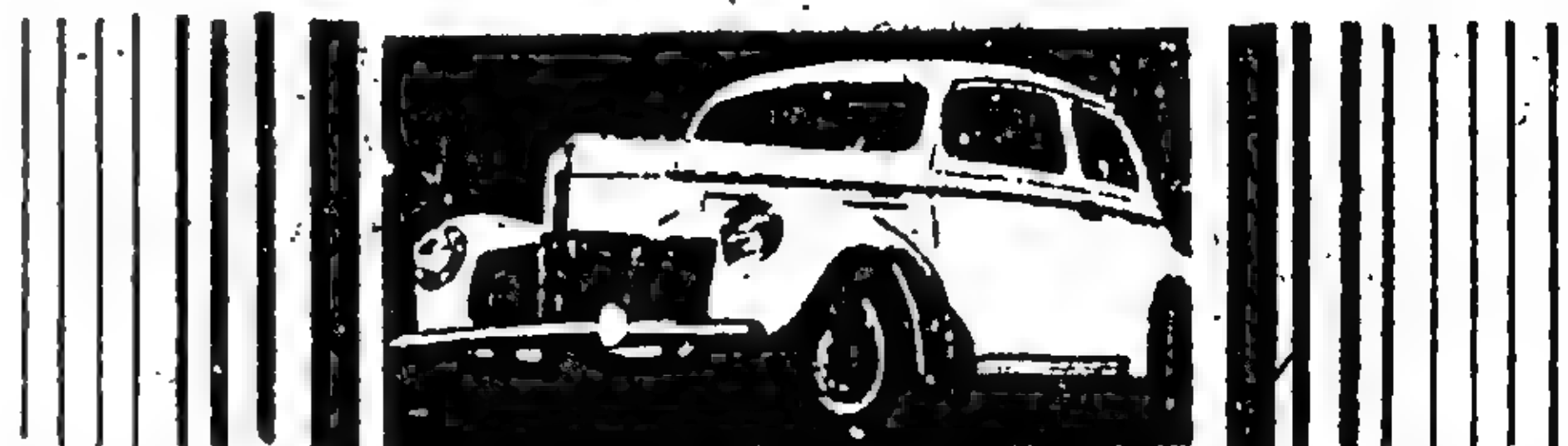
After a very successful bombing raid carried out by our squadrons, in which they destroyed important objectives and numerous aeroplanes on the ground, the Italian position was stormed. The enemy suffered heavy losses in men and material. Our operations are still progressing satisfactorily."

Koufra in an important military position of the first importance for Italian communications in Libya and Abyssinia. Six hundred miles of desert separate Koufra from the Chad frontier and the desert in this part of the Sahara is most difficult for operations. — British Wireless.

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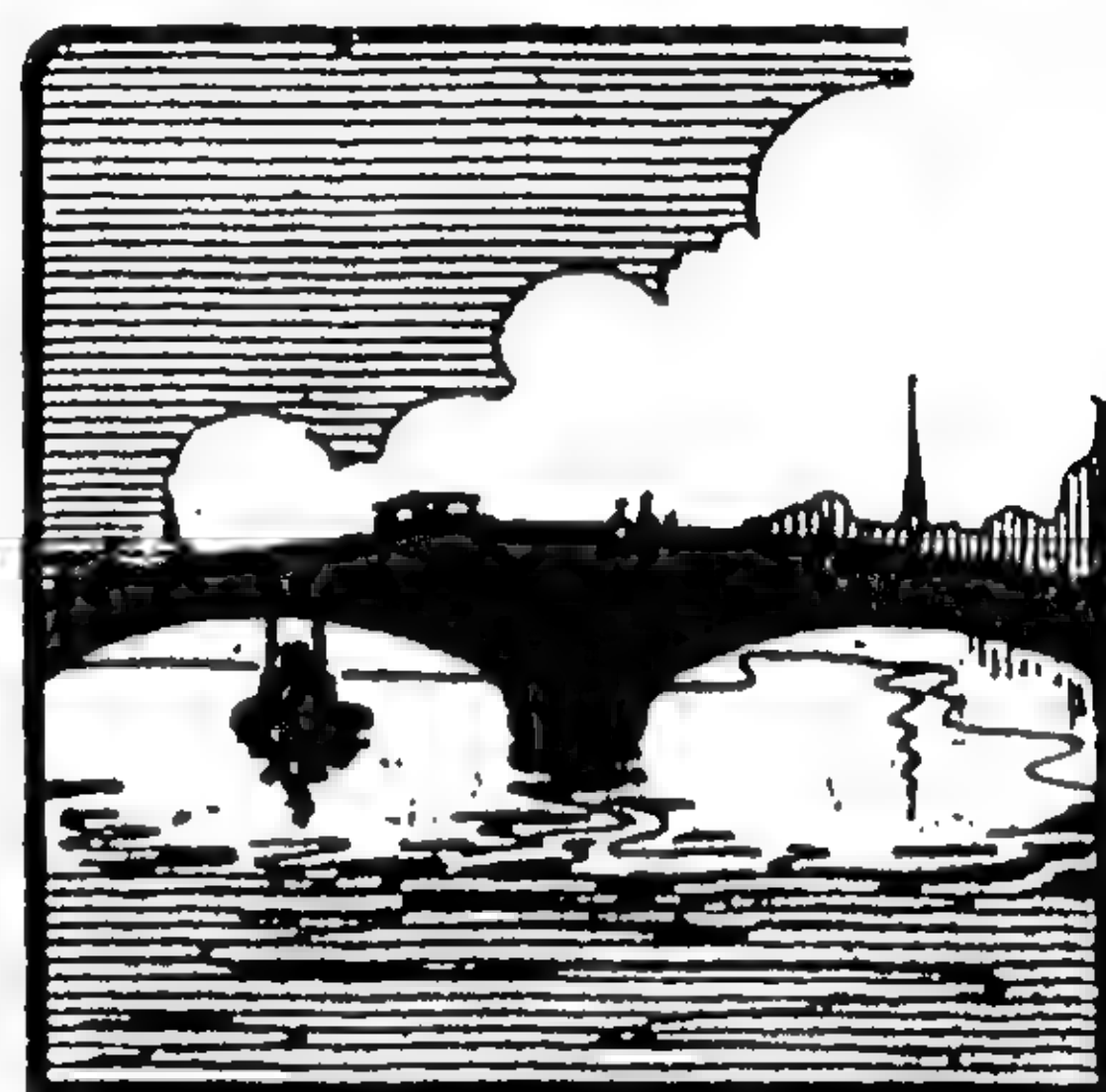
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The EXCHANGE BANKS will OPEN at 9.30 A.M. and will CLOSE at 12 Noon for the Transaction of Exchange Business on MONDAY, and TUESDAY, the 17th and 18th February, (Race Meeting).

Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1941.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A DISASTROUS PSYCHIC BID By The Four Aces

Psychic bids aren't made very much these days, and we suppose that most of our readers use them with moderation, if at all. Whatever you think about psychic bids, however, you'll probably be interested in the sad tale of a famous expert's psychic two-bid:

South, Dealer Both sides vulnerable
A K 10 6
A K 7 4
Q 9 6 3
Q 4
A 10 7 5
Q J 9 8
6 2
A
N
W
S
E
S
9 8 5 2
K Q J 8
3
J 7 3
9 6 2
10 6 3
K J 8 4

The bidding:
South West North East
2 Pass Pass 7 Pass
Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

The bidding, as you can see, was brief and decisive. The play was less brief but even more decisive, for South was set five tricks — a penalty of 1,400 points!

But when the smoke had cleared, both North and South earnestly maintained that the other had been more at fault for the disaster. Our own opinion is a mixed one. We think South's psychic two-bid was rather silly but that North's jump to seven clubs was stupid.

South intended to pass his partner's response, whatever it might be, and hoped that the opponents would be intimidated by the opening two-bid or, in any event, prevented from reaching their best contract. The odds against any such success were tremendous, and it was much more likely that the psychic bid would result in a bad penalty. Nevertheless, there was no need for North to make any jump bid at all. A simple response of two diamonds would have been enough at that point. If South had a legitimate two-bid (which North's strength should have caused him to doubt) he would bid again, and North would have ample opportunity to bid a Grand Slam. And if South's two-bid were so ridiculous that he had to pass two diamonds (as would have been the case), North would have reason to be glad he had not made a higher bid.

Yesterday you were Merwin Muler's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

K J 9 8
10 5
A 10 7
Q J 10 6

The bidding:
You Jacoby Muler Schenken
Pass Pass 1 Pass
1 Pass 2 Pass
(?)

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. There is probably a game at no-trump, and if your partner has anything but the barest minimum he will bid it.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 80% for three no-trump, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 637

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

J 8
K J 5
K Q 4 2
Q J 7 3

The bidding:
Schenken You Muler Jacoby
Pass Pass Pass 1
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ALIENS TO HAVE MORE FREEDOM

Modification of the restrictions placed on some classes of aliens in Britain are likely soon, it is understood.

Meantime, the police have received instructions from the Home Secretary to exercise discretion in cases in order to avoid unnecessary hardship or interference with their livelihood.

It had been felt that injustice was being done to such as Greeks, Dutch, Norwegians, Belgians, French, and Danes in imposing total restriction on them.

Morrison's Statement

The position has been clarified by Mr. Morrison, who said:—

"In view of the large number of aliens now serving or about to serve in His Majesty's Forces, as well as in the forces of Allied Governments in this country, it was felt that it would not be right to leave this special body of persons outside the system of alien control in present circumstances, when it is specially important to have means of ascertaining quickly where the alien is residing or when aliens are residing in a particular area.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Youth Too Careless About Eating

We are told by physicians that the changes from puberty to adolescence, with profound influence upon the vital glands of the body, are partly responsible for pimply, unlovely complexions which one sees on young boys and girls. But, alas, that is not the whole story.

Youth is notoriously careless about its diet and its personal grooming, as well as other living habits. Youth depends too much on its abundant health to take the advice of authorities who urge them to pay more attention to the selection of food, to keep strict hours as far as rest and mealtime are concerned, and not to be so careless about the external care of the body's skin.

Youth should be schooled (and should profit by this schooling) in the great importance of diet, regular elimination, and other hygienic measures.

Selecting Foods

An eminent nutritionist who has done much to promote the layman's knowledge of food forces has this to say:

"When you think of regulating the diet, the first thing you think of is cutting out objectionable foods. But putting in the right ones is just as important. By all means cut out greasy and heavy foods, the sweet and the starchy. They are not good for the skin. But do not forget to increase the amounts of fruits and vegetables. Be especially sure to include goodly quantities of CARROTS, RADISHES, ONIONS, and LETTUCE—those foods are both laxative and rich in sulphur, two essentials to skin health.

"Regular elimination is vitally important. A clear, smooth skin is impossible while the poisons and wastes from the uneliminated foods are flooding the body.

"Sunshine is a great help in overcoming skin troubles.

"Exercise for skin beauty—the skin tissues cannot store up poisons for long when the blood stream is surging."

Keep Body Clean

Once you make good internal hygiene a daily habit, you must correct your external complexion care routine. "Cat washes," are strictly taboo. In fact, young people need two good skin scrubbing each day—one in the morning when they get up and one in the evening before getting into bed. If they come home late in the day from exercising or working, they should wash their faces, necks and hands with soap and water at once—that makes three soap and water cleansings each day.

CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

At an annual general meeting and election of officers of the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Association, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President: Dr. Edward W. J. Sun; Vice-President: Dr. Lee Hah Liang; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. H. C. Chan; Council Members: Dr. Li Shu-Pai, Dr. Poon Seck Wah, Dr. Teung Fat Im, Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. Douglas Laing, Dr. N. K. Law, Dr. K. D. Ling, Dr. T. J. Hua.

Adolescents need a complexion brush or a rough washcloth to truly cleanse the pores of their skin. If a wash cloth is used instead of a brush a fresh one is required each day, especially when correcting blemished skin condition. A wash cloth harbours germ infections and should not be used twice without being sterilised.

No young person should go without at least a daily bath, and under clothes should be changed daily. Outer clothing should be frequently washed or dry-cleaned to keep them free of perspired impurities.

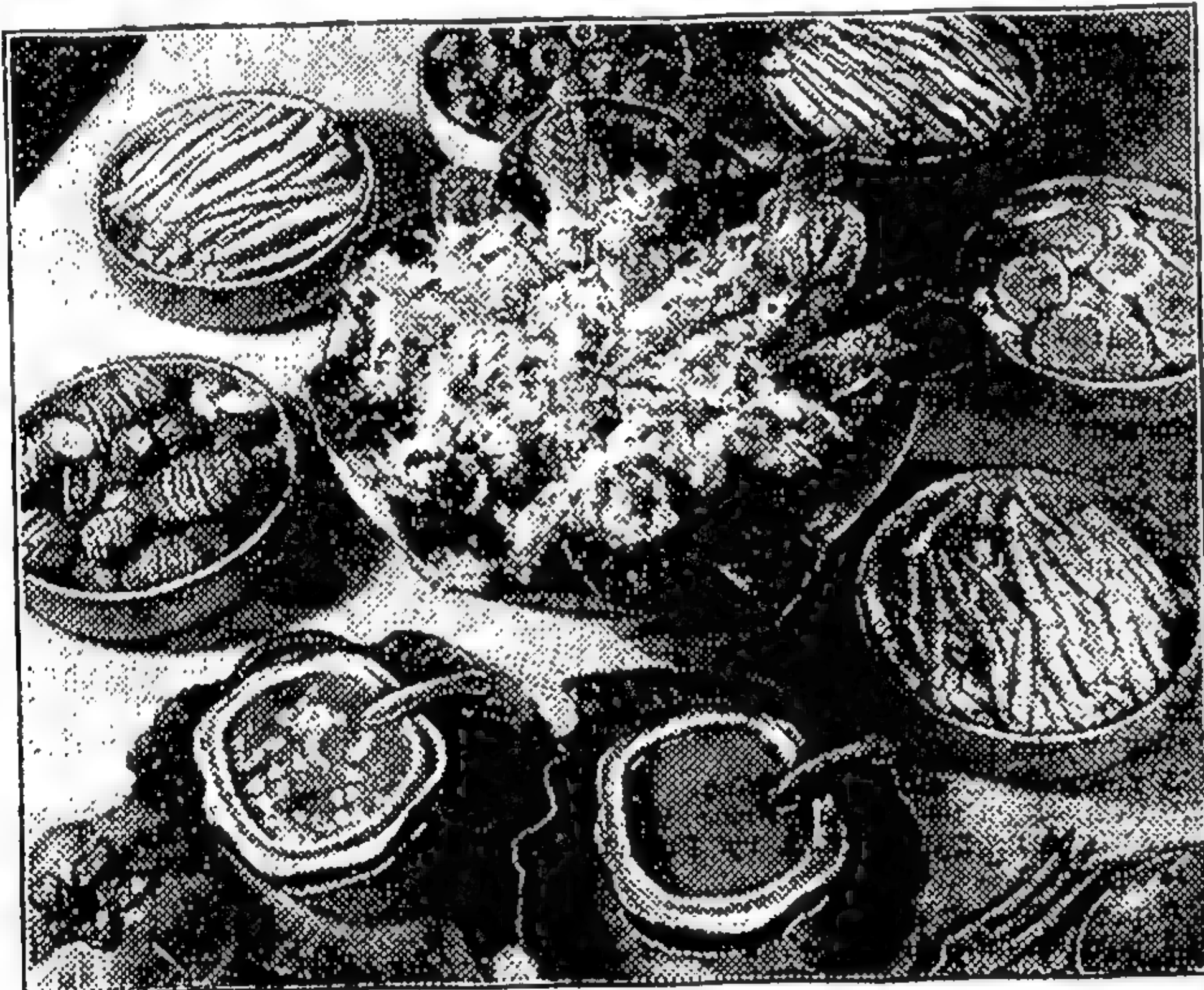
All this sounds like a lot of trouble, but a clear, lovely skin and healthy body is compensation enough for any effort you make!

The CHOOSE-YOUR-OWN-SALAD idea wins high favor with guests (especially the men!)

Dorothy Greig

THE whole idea back of buffet refreshments is, of course, to give guests a choice of foods and let them help themselves.

And now a new and bright furtherance of that plan is to place, not the mixed whole salad, but the salad makin's them-



Let guests put together their own salads by offering a choice of ingredients and dressings in separate bowls.

selves on the table and turn the guests loose to put together their own salads. And do they love it! Nibbling Nellie and Gustaf George both get exactly what they wish and enjoy it hugely in consequence. Fill a large center bowl with greens. Then surround the big bowl with individual bowls, each one containing a separate salad ingredient. You can offer three or four bowls or a dozen, depending upon how expansive you feel. You might, for instance, have a line-up something like this:

Buffet Salad

2 cups chicken
2 cups radishes
2 cups cheese
2 cups sliced raw carrots
Stuffed olives
Hard-cooked eggs, sliced
And, of course, the large bowl of salad greens

Cut the chicken and cheese into strips about 1½ inches long and ¼ inch square. Slice the hard-cooked eggs and arrange in a small bowl. Slice the radishes being careful not to cut through entirely and let stand in ice water so that the slices will separate and spread accordion fashion. Cut the carrots into long 4½ inch strips and about ½ inch square. Use lettuce, celery, romaine, or watercress in the large salad bowl, or a combination of them.

Offer guests a choice of dressings, too. Perhaps a keen French dressing and a thick creamy may-

onnaise or Russian dressing. Here are two dressings that are particularly flavorful. One is a French dressing especially good on a buffet table because it is non-separating. The other dressing has chopped eggs and anchovy paste and is sharp and tangy.

Snappy French Dressing

1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon pepper
¼ tablespoon grated onion
1 cup oil (olive or salad)
½ cup vinegar
½ can condensed tomato soup
Combine the dry ingredients and mix in the grated onion. Blend in the oil and let stand for 10-15 minutes. Add vinegar and tomato soup. Beat well until the dressing mixture is thick and well blended. Makes approximately 2½ cups of dressing.

This is a non-separating French dressing.

Egg and Anchovy Dressing

1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon anchovy paste
1 cup salad oil
½ cup vinegar
½ can condensed tomato soup
1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
Combine dry mustard, sugar, salt and anchovy paste. Then add salad oil, vinegar and tomato soup. Mix well and at the last stir in the hard-cooked egg. Makes 2½ cups dressing.

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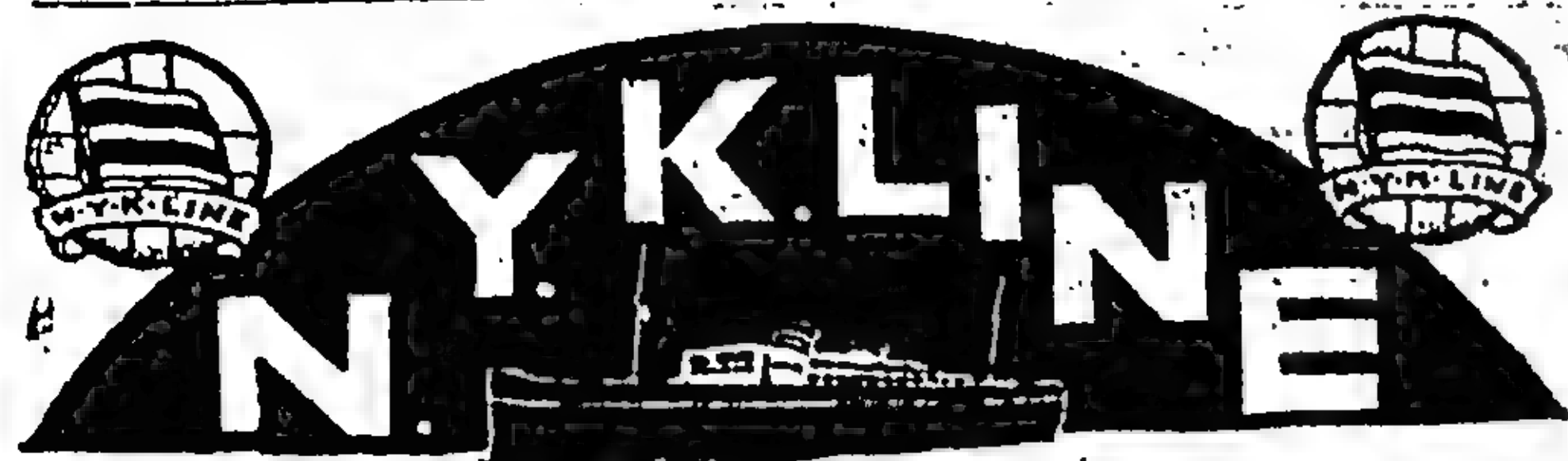


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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in D Major (The "Prague" Symphony).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Excerpts from Grand Opera.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Crosstown New York".

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 2: Defoe. Talk by Father A. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches". By Howard Marshall.

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CYCLONES LOSE TO HONG KONG BASEBALLERS BUT DO WELL

Bad Base-Running Costs Runs

Saints Make No Mistake Against The Filipinos

By "Grandstand"

ALTHOUGH THE CYCLONES went down to the Hong Kong Baseballers 7-3, in the Senior Softball League night cap on Sunday, they gave the Mohawks some anxious moments and the score would have been much closer had it not been for bone-head base-running on the part of the Omarmen, especially on two occasions when the runner on third was nailed at the plate on an attempted double steal, by a catcher to short-stop play.

You can try the same thing a hundred times in this League — they still bite!

Cyclone mentor "Sunburn" the Lumen fanned five but issued eight free tickets to first, and yielded four safeties, whilst Indian chucker Kassa Nazarin whiffed one and passed two, and also allowed four singles.

Indian hindsnatcher "Tarzan" Ismail was a ball of lightning as he sneaked four bases from the Chinese Baseballers.

Indian keystone "Baby" Abbas lost his batting title by failing to connect safely in four times at the plate.

Mohawks Threaten

The Mohawks threatened right from the start when Lou Leight doubled with two away. Fitch singled to push Leight to third but Ernie Heather grounded out to end the threat.

In the Cyclone half, Skelly Razack got on base on a fielder's choice, whilst Jones walked Bakar. Markar Junior looked at five pitches for another walk to load the bases with two away, but K. M. Rumjahn flied out to Sperry. Both sides failed to score in the second frame, but the Mohawks broke into the score column in the third on two successive hits, a fielder's choice and a sacrifice.

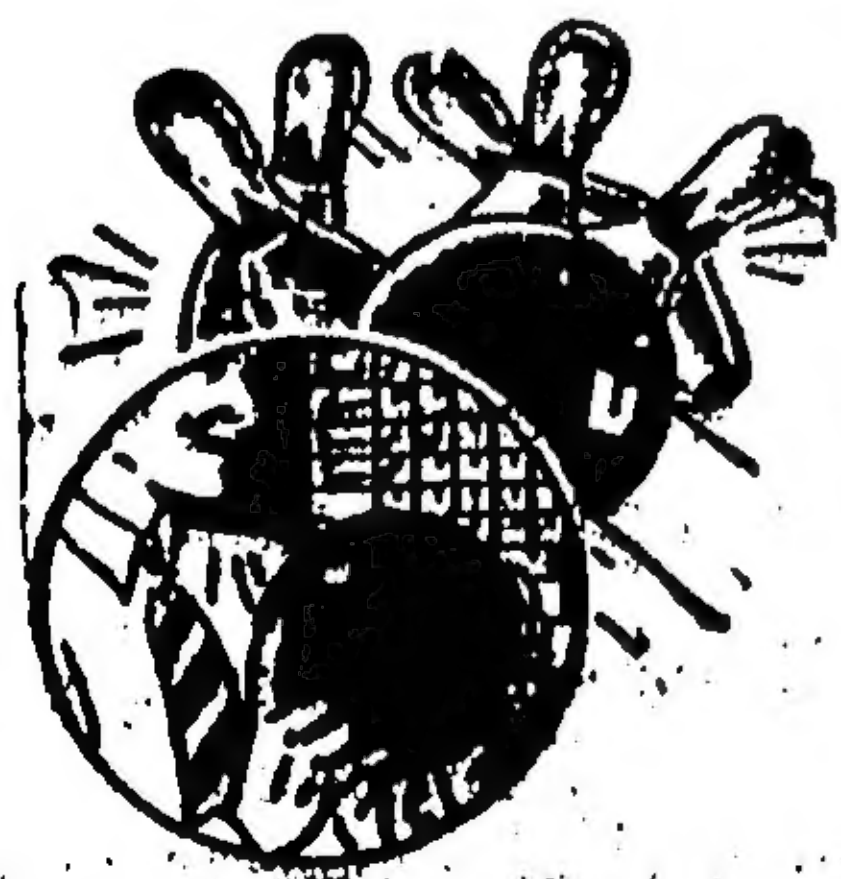
The Cyclones replied with one, when Bakar chased in Skelly Razack with a ringing double. In the fourth Johnnie Schalberg tripled and romped home on a passed ball for another marker.

The Cyclones produced one in each of the fifth and sixth, but the Baseballers slugged two across in the final session to clinch the verdict. Centre-gardener Bakar clouted a neat 1,000 in his three trips, while Johnnie Schalberg was next in the honours with three in four, including two doubles and a triple.

The fielding gem of the day was, when left gardener K. M. Rumjahn clamped his hands on Frank Crews' blooper in short centre, to hold Schalberg on third, after centre-fielder Bakar had decided to play it on the bounce.

Easy Win For Indians

The Indians easily accounted for the Chinese in a 6-2 triumph. Denham Cray on the mound for



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Saints Make No Mistake

The Saints consolidated their League leadership when they trimmed the Filipinos in a 20-3 massacre which was called off after five innings.

Frankie Gonzales toiled on the slab for the first three frames, whilst Charlie Manson and Hal Winglee took over in the fourth and fifth. Lefty Tatong Amper on the mound for the Islanders went the route and fanned two.

Two baggers were banged in by Stan Leonard, George Souza, and Art Ozorio.

Dave Leonard and Henry Ali were the only ones to connect for circuit clouts.

CHUNG WAH BEAT KING'S

As the result of a match played on Monday evening, "A" Section of Junior Division of the Badminton League is now very open. King's College, who had hitherto been unbeaten, lost in their return match with Chung Wah by the odd game in nine, leaving the two teams bracketed at the head of the table.

King's were in a very strong position at one time and not until the eighth game of the evening were Chung Wah on level terms for the first time.

The game that really decided the issue was the fifth. King's, at the end of the first round, were 2-1 to the good; Chan and Chung won the first game of the second round and it only remained, for Liu and Woo to win the next game to place King's in a 4-1 lead which would have assured them of the match.

Liu and Woo had to play W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy and although some of the subsequent games were closer, this proved to be easily the best encounter of the evening.

Choy's Shine

W. C. Choy was playing brilliantly and although his brother was not quite so impressive, he

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	9	2	.818
Indians	9	3	.750
Hong Kong Baseballers	8	3	.727
Recreio Acca	5	4	.555
Cyclones	6	5	.545
Chinese Baseballers	3	6	.333
Filipinos	2	8	.200
Canadian Chinese	0	11	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	9	1	.909
V.R.C.	9	1	.909
R.A.F.	6	3	.667
Recreio Bree	6	3	.667
Cosmopolitans	6	4	.600
Liga Portuguesa	4	5	.444
South China	4	5	.444
Royal Scots	3	6	.333
8th R.A.	3	7	.300
C.B.A.	1	8	.111
Royal Engineers	0	7	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Canadian Chinese	10	1	.909
Wildcats	10	1	.909
Wahoos	9	3	.750
Baby Panthers	7	5	.583
Cardinals	6	6	.500
Recreio Ramblerettes	3	9	.250
Little Flowers	1	10	.091
Chung Hwa	0	11	.000

INTER-HONG

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Hong Kong Bankers	4	0	1.000
Texaco Oilers	4	1	.800
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Lacas	2	2	.500
Cables	0	4	.000
Greenspots	0	5	.000

made few mistakes. The Chung Wah pair scored steadily and when they were leading 19-11 all appeared to be over. The King's pair, however, made a great effort and fighting every point desperately, they crept up to 13-19. 15-19 and 18-19. Chung Wah then secured an ace to lead 20-18. Even then all was not over. Service changed hands at least half a dozen times before the Choy brothers scored the necessary ace to secure game.

Thereafter there was no stopping Chung Wah, and, except for one game won by Chan and Chung, they were unbeatable.

Chan and Chung gave a dazzling display to secure three of the four games credited to King's.

At Bonham Road, Chung Wah defeated King's College by 5 games to 4 on Monday.

C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah) lost to S. P. Chan and W. C. Choy.

Chung Wah beat K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo 21-9.

beat T. Lam and K. H. Lo 21-11.

P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) lost to Chan and Chung 10-21.

lost to Lui and Woo 8-21.

beat Lam and Lo 21-9.

W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah) lost to Chan and Chung 22-23.

beat Lui and Woo 21-18.

beat Lam and Lo 21-8.

LEAGUE BADMINTON TABLES TO DATE

SECTION "A"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	5	1	4	32	13	8
Chung Wah	5	1	4	32	13	8
Recreio	4	2	2	18	18	4
V.R.C.	4	3	1	10	26	2
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	29	0

SECTION "B"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	5	0	5	31	14	10
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6
Kowloon Tong	5	3	2	20	25	4
St. Andrew's	5	3	2	24	21	4
Police	5	5	0	8	37	0

TO-DAY'S BADMINTON

The only match that might prove of interest in Junior Division of the Badminton League is the

GIRLS' LEAGUE

WAHOOS OUT OF LEAGUE RUNNING

By "Grandstand"

IN A GAME FEATURED BY EXPLOSIVE MOMENTS, WAHOOS DROPPED OUT OF THE RUNNING IN THE GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE IN THE HOME STRETCH WHEN THEY WERE DOWNED BY THE CANADIAN CHINESE BY 8-6.

For some reason or other, two of the three umpires appointed by the League failed to make an appearance, with the result that arbitrators had to be picked from the spectators, and these umpires did not always agree.

Both Canuckette hurler Mary Ng and Wahoo twirler Therese Noronha chucked steady ball, the former fanning six and walking four, whilst the latter whiffed three and passed two. Each pitcher conceded five safeties, but Therese was unfortunate in that three of them were bunched up in the third for a Maple Leaf five-run uprising.

Although all the Wahoo infielders, with the exception of hindsnatcher Jackie Anderson, were responsible for errors, outfielders Jeannette Yolle, Beeban Abbas and super-rookie Colette Yolle all brought off fine catches, the latter earning a permanent berth in the right garden when she shoe-strunged one after running all the way in from deep right.

Wahoos Lose Toss

The Green-shirts lost the toss, and went in to bat first. Lead-off batter Yvonne Yolle singled and lurged second, but Irene Castiho, Jackie Anderson and Terry Noronha all failed to come thru with the necessary hit for a score, and she died on third.

The second stanza also produced no runs. After retiring the Maple Leafs in one, two, three order for the first two frames, hurler Therese Noronha suffered a lapse, and allowed three safeties, which included Rene Yuen's timely double with the sacks soused, and Ulian Khoo's homer with one aboard, for the Canuckettes to chalk up a five-run start.

Kowloon Tong-K.C.C. fixture at Kowloon Tong.

Kowloon Tong are not likely to win but they will have out a stronger team than in their previous two matches. Frank Kwok, after a long absence, returns to partner Richard Lee, while Lo and Joe Tsang will again be turning out, giving the suburbanites two quite useful pairs.

Third pair will probably be weak and this should enable K.C.C. to retain their unbeaten record.

St. John's, for their match against Police, will be without Peter Wilson, whose place will be taken by A. May, who is reputed to be useful. They should not have much trouble in winning however, as Eardley will be playing and this player in partnership with David Kwok, is certain to win three games.

Following is to-day's Badminton League programme:—

King's College v. J. R. C.

Chung Wah v. V. R. C.

Police v. St. John's

Kowloon Tong v. K. C. C.

King's College:—S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell; K. L. Lui and W. C. Choy; T. Lam and K. H. Lo.

J.R.C.:—M. Talan and J. Odell; B. Godkin and S. Ramler; A. R. Poliak and A. Odell.

Chung Wah:—W. C. Choy and W. H. Choy; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu; C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang.

V.R.C.:—D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn; A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares; F. Casto and A. A. Remedios.

P.R.C.:—W. Gillies and L. Gordon; R. Hogarth and J. Ferrier; C. Y. Siu and J. Shepherd.

St. John's:—A. May and N. L. Smith; H. Eardley and D. Kwok; G. S. Ladd and R. Maynard.

Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; Richard Lee and Frank Kwok; N. A. E. Mackay and A. N. Other.

Fighting back, the Owls tallied once in each of the fourth and fifth, but the Canadians piled up three more on two bobbles and a single in the sixth.

Coming up for their last time, Lisa Anderson pinch-hitting for Beeban Abbas, swung at three fading ones for the first crasure.

Undaunted the Wahoos staged a late rally, but was only able to garner four markers, which included Jackie Anderson's four-master.

In sliding home Jackie suffered a sprain to her left arm which will put her out of action for a couple of weeks.

Best stickwork performance goes to Jackie Anderson for her double and homer in four trips, whilst Ulian Khoo also clouted a four-bagger for the Maple Leafs.

In the Wildcats-Little Flowers merry-go-round, the Florinhas were slaughtered by 20-2, Wildcat hurler Thelma Collaco chucked her second no-hitter of the season.

GRAPHIC GOLF



GAINING GOOD WRIST ACTION

By BEST BALL

Hand and wrist action is largely responsible for the slightly built fellow's ability to keep fairly close to a more husky adversary off the tee. Indeed, it is nothing uncommon to see a husky hombre outdriven by someone only half his size. The former player, in such instances, generally lacks the whip lash action that is so essential in speeding up the club as it travels in the impact stage. His hands as far as contributing to clubhead speed are dead.

To make full use of the hand and wrists, provided the golfer is not naturally endowed with this virtue, requires practice. The golfer must make his muscles here aware of the job they have to perform. For instance, instead of making a full swing with a mid-iron or heavier iron, let the golfer confine himself to a medium stroke but cock his wrists to full measure. Swinging down from this position the player can generate surprising speed and power. Practised during the winter it will keep the wrists and hands surprisingly supple. Next Article.—Markings On Irons.

EASTERN EASILY BEAT MACAO

Cordova, Airosa Best Of Visitors

By "Referee"

EASTERN HAD LITTLE difficulty in beating Macao Football Association by 3 goals to 1 at Caroline Hill yesterday and had their forwards been steadier in front of goal they would have won by a bigger margin.

CHESS

ZIMMERN BEATEN

C. M. Sequeira beat E. Zimmern, runner-up in the Colony Tournament last year, to score his second win in three games in this year's Colony Chess Championship.

The game was played last night at the Peninsula Hotel. Zimmern resigned after about 20 moves.

K. Weiss won his first game in three when he beat D. E. de Carvalho in another Championship match.

The game lasted 70 moves and took only 1 hour and 50 minutes. In the Colony Open Junior Tournament, Un Kwa-yung beat A. Kurrik.

In a Club Junior Championship match, A. C. Poupard beat F. A. Fabel.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton League pairings

"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Chee and C. K. Lee (University "A")	9	0	9
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	9	5	4
M. P. Yeong and Y. P. Yeong (University "B")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	9	6	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	4	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplanavar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Yeong and Y. P. Yeong (University "A")	3	1	2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	9	7	2
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	9	7	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. K. Cheuk and S. Amplanavar (University "B")	3	3	0
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	6	0

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	15	1	14
E. P. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	15	2	13
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	12	0	12
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	9	0	9
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	12	5	7
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Polioe)	15	8	7
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	9	3	6
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	9	3	6
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	8	4
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	9	4	5
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	12	7	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Mironche (Recreio)	6	2	4
H. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	8	4
C. P. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chinese "Y")	6	1	5



Hau Ching-to and Hyui were the best of the forwards though the former was often caught off sides, and was inclined to hang on to the ball too long.

Macao Score First

Macao opened the scoring in the first half when Ip Pou-to sent in a centre which Lau Hin-hon fumbled for. Guerreiro to follow up and net. This lead was short-lived, Carvalho badly misjudged a high shot from Fung Tsap-pan and shortly after Hsu King-seng scored with a right foot drive into the corner of the net.

Hau Ching-to scored Eastern's third goal in the second half. Macao, who will be re-inforced by Costa and Collaco, meet South China at Caroline Hill at 5 p.m. to-day.

MACAO: - Carvalho; Cordova, Chifu; Sousa, Airosa, Magalhaes; Chong Han-kwong, T. Badarraco, Querreira (Capt.), Lau Chung-kwan and Ip Pou-to.

EASTERN: - Lau Hin-hon; Ng Kee-cheung, S. Y. Yen; Qui Wing-fok, Hui King-sing, Lo Wai-ming; Fu Tsuk-ping, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

Cordova Safe

Cordova was a safe defender and he was instrumental in breaking up many dangerous moves. Airosa, in the pivotal position, had his work cut out watching Hyui and Chong Kam-hoi and could not be of much assistance to his forwards.

Souza and Magalhaes worked hard as wing halves but found the opposing wingers hard to mark.

Eastern were not at full strength and for the first quarter of an hour were fully extended. It was not until late in the first half that they were able to settle down to their usual play.

Hsu King-seng in the pivotal position, was the outstanding player. Besides keeping his forwards well supplied with passes he kept Carvalho occupied with long shots.

SERVICES' INCONSIDERATION

INSTEAD OF LEADING to a closer and more harmonious understanding between the Service sport chiefs and what is left of the civilian side of football, the recent conference called by the Army Sports Control Board has only deepened the feeling that they are indifferent to the fate of the clubs, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

The principal concern of that conference seems to have been to broadcast an appeal for more sport equipment for the Army.

I wrote at the time that a great opportunity for mutual help was being missed—and I mean mutual. I guess Mr. Bevin knows the importance of avoiding a civilian sport close-down.

Does Colonel Hartley and his Board realise that the men of the Civil Defence, the munition workers, and the hundreds of thousands of others who, if they wear no uniform are as surely in the fighting line, are just as much in need of sporting relaxation as is the soldier? Indeed, I would say in more need.

There is not the slightest reason for a clash of interests between Service and club sport. There was none last football season and very little in the early part of this.

Managers' Nightmare

But club managers are now bitterly complaining that team-building has become a nightmare task by the increase in the number of R.A.F. and Army teams for friendly and, presumably, unofficial matches each Saturday.

NEUSEL KNOCKS OUT HEUSER

WALTER NEUSEL technically knocked out Adolf Heuser in the tenth round recently at the Deutschlindhalle in Berlin in the final elimination bout for the right to meet Heinz Lazek this summer for the German heavyweight championship.

Max Schmeling, former world champion and who now ranks as the European, rather than the German, titleholder, made his first public appearance in months when he was introduced to cheering crowds prior to the bout.

Schmeling was in mufti and was accompanied by a score of comrades in special parachuters' uniforms. They had obtained special leave and had flown down from their training station especially for the fight at which they were guests of honour.

Schmeling told the press that he did not know when he would fight again, but said he believed he might meet the winner of the Neusel-Lazek fight. He added that he did not have any definite plans for the future nor could he say if he would have a return bout with his conqueror, Joe Louis, whom he characterised as the "best of them all."

The former world champion in 1939 knocked out Heuser in the first round, although earlier Heuser had knocked out Lazek in the fifth round. United Press.

MCLELLAN'S FINE FORM

Hong Kong Hockey Club met their first defeat in the Quadrangular Tournament yesterday at Sookunpoo when they went down to the British Army by the odd goal in three. All the goals were scored in the first period.

Benwell played well between the sticks for the Club, saving several hard shots and Bond in front of him was safe.

McLellan was the best player on view. He played a good game at left-half for Club and kept Homberg, the former Colony Interporter, who was on the right-wing, in very close check throughout the game. Reed was good in the pivotal position.

Guest and Fowler were two prominent forwards for the Club. Anderson was very sound in the defence for Army breaking up most of the Club attacks, while Croston was very steady in the pivotal position.

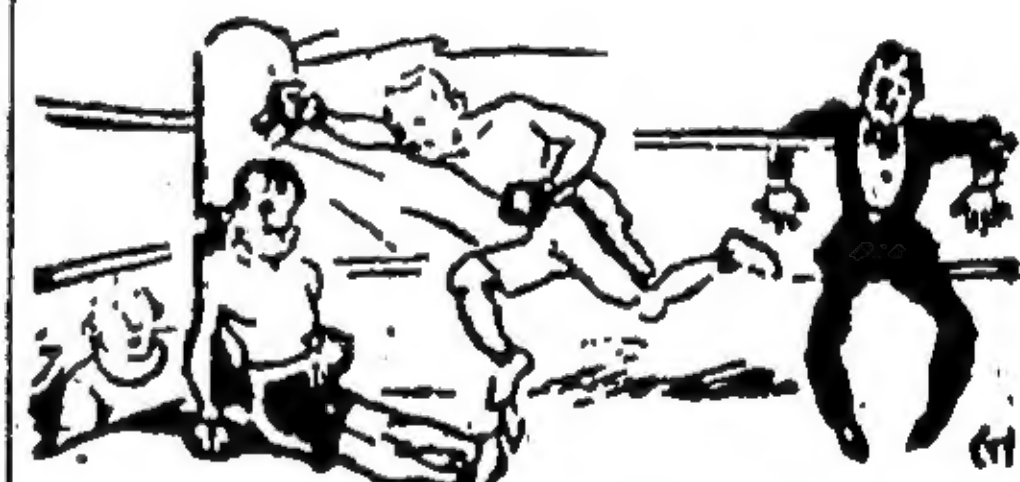
The soldiers' attack was best served by Hitchcock, who showed good stick-work and combination with his inside men.

Guest scored the first goal for the Club after 15 minutes of play from a pass from T. Whitely, Hitchcock equalising for the soldiers about five minutes later from a pass from Homberg.

Just before the end of the first half, Army were awarded a short-corner and Hitchcock netted.

British Army:—Dove (Signals); Neve (R.S.) and Anderson; Jordan (R.S.); Croston (R.E.) and Alsey (R.S.); Singleton (R.E.); Marshall (R.A.), Hitchcock (R.S.); Shaw (R.E.) and Homberg (R.E.)

Club:—Benwell; V. C. Bond and J. Gonsalves; D. McLellan, W. A. Reed and N. B. M. Whitley; D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, A. E. P. Guest, E. Fowler and R. Soares.



TO-DAY'S BOXING

The Army Novices Boxing Championship take place this evening at Shamshuipo barracks commencing at 8.30 p.m. when Royal Artillery meet Middlesex. The winning team will meet Royal Scots (champions), to-morrow.

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SIX HOUR RAID ON HANOVER

A heavy, concentrated and very successful attack on Hanover and other targets in North-West Germany and occupied territory is described in an Air Ministry communique.

"A very heavy attack was made last (Monday) night on the industrial area of Hanover by aircraft of the Bomber Command.

Of the force employed in this operation, more than 90 per cent. reached their objectives.

The attack, which lasted for six hours, was carried out in weather poor at first but steadily improving as the night advanced.

In the opening stages, fires were started in the north, south and west of the target area.

These showed later arrivals where to drop their heavy calibre high-explosive bombs.

By the time the last of our aircraft left, fires too numerous to be counted were raging throughout the bombed area.

Another, smaller, force attacked the oil installations and docks at Rotterdam. Large fires and explosions were caused.

Several other targets in Germany and aerodromes in Holland were also visited.

In addition, aircraft of the same Command successfully attacked Boulogne harbour, which had been

Positions Taken At Point Of Bayonet

AS IN THE WESTERN Desert, Indian troops — infantry, sappers, mechanised units and cavalry — are greatly distinguishing themselves in operations in Eritrea where they are very much at home in terrain resembling that of the North-West Frontier of India.

Scaling heights held by the Italians, they have repeatedly captured positions at the point of the bayonet and immediately charged down the mountainside.

In one battle, that which resulted in the occupation of Barentu, Punjab, Garhwal, Baluch and Frontier Force regiments fought throughout the attack.

The actual seizing of Barentu was effected after a five-day battle fought by an Indian Brigade through a narrow gorge and a 10-day battle fought along the Aico-Barentu Road by another Indian Brigade.

50-Mile Advance

Meantime, South African troops have penetrated 50 miles into Abyssinia.

Thus, while the battle for Keren in Eritrea is still proceeding, a new threat to Addis Ababa is foreshadowed by latest information

previously bombed in daylight. Aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed Cherbourg and Ostend, where large fires broke out.

From all these operations four of our aircraft are missing."—British Wireless.

which reached Cairo yesterday afternoon.

This deep penetration into enemy occupied territory has taken place east of Lake Rudolf and the South Africans are pressing on along a ridge and valley running north-eastwards to the Abyssinian capital and the Red Sea.

South African Dash

South African troops played a prominent part in the capture of Hobok, on the south Abyssinian border, according to details of the operations just received.

With British forces, the South Africans left Dukana and camped on the border. Later they pushed on through dense bush over a distance of 19 miles towards their objective.

A brigadier, referring to this advance, said that he did not think that the history of motorised forces could show a similar feat considering the type of bush encountered.—Reuter.

Mahratta Elan

The leading part played by Mahratta troops in the North African operations which led to the penetration into Abyssinia from the Gallabat-Metemma zone in the Sudan, is described in fuller accounts now available, which speak of the numerous actions by the Mahratta frontier force and British troops.

A typical example mentioned was a raid carried out a January 12, when a Mahratta company, supported by an artillery barrage, made a dashing attack in the Me'emma area.

Shouting their battle-cry, "Shivaji Maharaj Ki Jal" these stocky men of Western India flung themselves against the enemy under cover of darkness and did heavy damage.—Reuter.

MAJOR AXIS MOVE HINTED AT IN ITALY

(Continued from Page 1.) confer with Signor Mussolini, says a message from Vichy.

Hitler May Be Present

They crossed the French border yesterday and their destination is believed to be somewhere near Genoa, port shelled by the Royal Navy earlier this week.

There are reports that Hitler may be present at the meeting, but there is no confirmation. It is indicated in Vichy that Marshal Petain will probably have a talk with General Franco on his return from Italy. Admiral Darlan has accompanied the aged Marshal to the Riviera.—International News Service.

EXPANDING ARMS OUTPUT IN INDIA

The largest of its type in India when erected, a 200-ton gun-forging press has been received for a factory in India. Several important items of the plant required for the expansion of ordnance factories have also arrived.—Reuter.

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AXIS SOLIDARITY IN WASHINGTON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

An official demonstration of Axis solidarity occurred yesterday on the arrival at Washington of the new Japanese Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, when the German Charge d'Affaires and the Italian Minister were on the station to receive him.

The Chief of Protocol of the State Department was also present.—International News Service.

Hitler Bait To Japan

Reuter learns in well-informed circles that London is closely watching the strenuous efforts which Hitler is making to bring Japan into the war in order to relieve the pressure on himself, as a result of Italy's collapse.

The German game is that, simultaneously with the Spring "Blitz" against Britain, Japan should attack the Dutch East Indies and Malaya with a view to diverting the British Fleet and resources.

As an inducement to Japan to pull chestnuts out of the fire for Germany, Hitler is believed to have promised Tokyo that he can persuade Moscow to conclude a non-aggression pact with Japan in order to relieve the latter's fears for the rear when action in Southern waters begins.

While the small extreme Japanese pro-Axis faction would doubtless support Hitler, it is believed in London there is increasing opposition among the best elements in Japan to further perilous adventures on behalf of the Nazis who would be quite indifferent to what happened to Japan so long as their own object was secured.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A new thrust against the Italians from Kenya is announced to-day by a Headquarters communique in Nairobi which states that South African advance troops occupied Todenyang, a fishing village, and Namaraputh, an Italian outpost, both of which are at the northern end of Lake Rudolf.—Reuter.

Chinese press reports from the border to-day allege that German military advisers have arrived at Nantau from Macao and are attached to the Japanese armed forces. The reports, however, cannot be confirmed.

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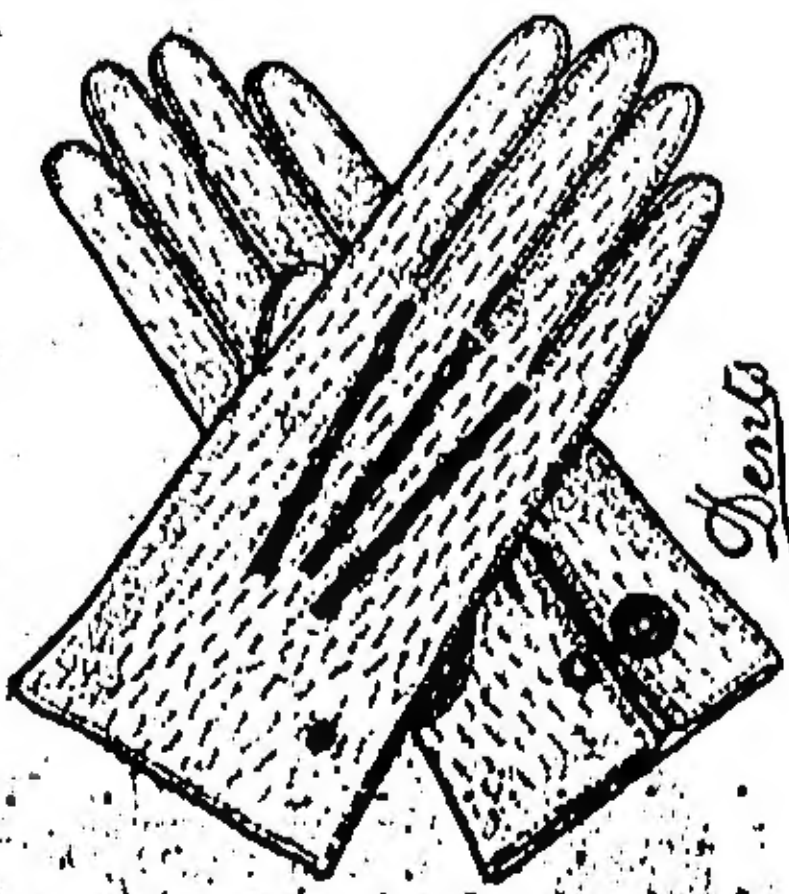
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